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DEDICATED TO

Arthur J. Lynch, who as Chairman of the Historical Committee for eight years, spent countless hours of literature research to obtain the facts upon the early history of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, who prepared much of the manuscript of this book and who served as an inspiration to his fellow Rotarians and envisioned the publication of this History

and

Those early Pioneers of Rotary in California and on the Pacific Coast, whose activities played an important part in the making of Rotary into a world-wide Organization of Service.

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FORWORD

This history is the story of the unfolding of a great adventure in service. It concerns many people and their relations to many events. It confirms the anonymous statement, "Rotary was conceived in Chicago but born on the Pacific Coast", since Clubs No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 were established by the traditionally progressive civic leaders in four major cities on the Pacific.

The book is an absorbing and intimate account of the first forty-six years of progress in the fifth Club of Rotary as told by a number of writers. In fact, it, probably and properly so, may be classified as one of the most heterogeneous histories of all time as it pertains to writing styles. No less than fifteen members of Club No. 5 have served as its authors. This may cause the proverbial "lifting of eyebrows" by professional writers and professors of English Composition, but it will be understood, at least by the average Rotarian, for whom it was written.

In many of its facets, it is "stranger than fiction" as it unfolds the genesis of not just one Rotary Club but two Rotary Clubs, competing for members in the same community. It presents the early history of these two Clubs, their ultimate consolidation into one Club and Club No. Five's evolution from an idea of self-aggrandizement to an ideal of service above self.

The late Arthur J. Lynch, as has been indicated in the Dedication, and his Rotary Ann, Catherine, after considerable research, prepared the manuscript for the history of the early years of the Club. To them is expressed the sincere and deep appreciation of Club No. 5 for their sacrifice of personal interests in the numberless hours of research and writing upon this volume.

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It is hoped that through the pages of this volume our fellow Rotarians may look into the past and live not only one life but many lives. Thus one gains an unforgettable grasp of the basic achievements of those who have lived and worked for this Club and the ideals of Rotary. Thus, too, one learns a new appreciation and a true understanding of the accomplishments, the purposes and the ideals of Rotary in general and in particular of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

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ORGANIZATION

The early history of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, particularly its organization, is so interwoven with the early history of Rotary on the Pacific Coast and the organization and activities of the San Francisco Rotary Club, that it would be well as a background to review briefly how the expansion movement started.

Three and a half years after the few men were called together by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905 and formed the club that was afterwards given the name of Rotary, the San Francisco Club was organized by Homer Wood. At that time Homer was a young attorney and a member of the Union League Club. Late in June, 1908, while in the lobby of the Hotel Cadillac, where he was living at that time, he struck up a casual acquaintance with a Chicago man by the name of Manuel Munoz. During their conversation Munoz told Homer about a new kind of a club they had at Chicago called the Rotary Club. He also explained its workings and that its membership was limited to one man from each line of business. In this morsel of information given him by Manuel Munoz the fertile brain of Homer Wood found inspiration sufficient to start Rotary on its movement around the world, which now has reached all the civilized countries of the world with a total membership of over 400,000.

Shortly after meeting Mr. Munoz, Homer Wood decided to organize a Rotary Club in San Francisco. Having already obtained the address of Paul Harris, then President of the Chicago Club, he wrote for further information and Paul responded, sending on a copy of the Chicago Club's by-laws.

Many members of the Union League Club whom Homer knew, were invited to membership in the new organization. The standing of the membership of the Union League Club gave assurance that the members of the San Francisco Rotary Club would also be of fine standing in the city. The fact that the membership of the Rotary Club of San Francisco in its early days was of such a high type and well regarded in the community is largely responsible for the fine type of members who joined the various Rotary Clubs which afterwards sprang up through the efforts of some of the members of the San Francisco Club.

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The organization meeting of the San Francisco Club took place in November, 1908, at the St. Francis Hotel. Charles M. Schwab, the famous steel manufacturer, was a guest at the hotel at that time and as he was a friend of one of the members of the Rotary Club he was induced to make a talk at the meeting. Mr. Schwab's appearance on the program gave excellent publicity to the new organization and started it off in fine shape. Homer Wood was elected the first President, serving for two terms.

Homer Wood had made the acquaintance of Arthur S. Holman, Manager of the San Francisco office of the Travelers Insurance Company, and this office practically controlled the Pacific Coast business of the Travelers at that time. Because of Arthur's wide acquaintance among businessmen in San Francisco, Homer Wood enlisted his assistance in securing members for the San Francisco Club. Later these two men worked together in the organization of other Rotary Clubs on the Pacific Coast.

Homer was very enthusiastic about the new organization and took on his shoulders the job of forming other clubs. Some of his friends in Oakland, who had expressed interest in this new organization, were asked by him to call a meeting of some of the representative men of the East Bay cities, one from each line of business. This was done and Homer addressed them with the result that the Tri-City Rotary Club was formed, with three from each line of business, one from Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. This was in February, 1909.

While Homer was busy organizing the Tri-City Rotary Club he wrote to his brother, Walton J. Wood, then a young attorney who had just opened a law office in Los Angeles, and suggested that he endeavor to organize a club in that city. At about this time Arthur Holman reported to Homer that he was going to Los Angeles on a business trip. Homer then asked Arthur to contact Walton while in Los Angeles, which he was unable to do as Walton was out of town. However, he did tell the story in detail to Jerry Muma then Los Angeles Manager of the Travelers Insurance Company and outlined to him the promotion procedure that had been used in organizing the Rotary Club of San Francisco. Shortly after Arthur Holman's visit, Jerry Muma and Walton Wood (who incidentally had been at college together) met at luncheon and arrangements were then made toward the organization of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, which afterwards came to be known as Club No. Five.

At about the same time Arthur Holman on a trip to Seattle talked to the Manager of the Seattle Office of the Travelers Insurance Company, a Mr. Roy Denny, explaining to him all about the organization of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, with the suggestion that he endeavor to organize a new idea club in Seattle. Roy Denny immediately went to work in the Puget Sound metropolis and with the help of Arthur Holman succeeded in getting that Club organized just prior to the one at Los Angeles. The Seattle Club was given the honor of being listed as Club No. Four, in what was later known as the National Association of Rotary Clubs, now Rotary International.

It might be well here to quote from a letter written by Jerry Muma to the National Association of Rotary Clubs in Chicago dated October 10th, 1910:

"Early in May, 1909, Mr. A. S. Holman of San Francisco, talked with me in connection with the organization of a Rotary Club which had just been completed in San Francisco. On my return to Los Angeles I invited Mr. Walton J. Wood, an attorney, and Mr. C. H. Woodruff, a shoe dealer, to have luncheon with me, in order that we might have an opportunity to discuss the founding of Rotary Club in Los Angeles. I had with me at that time a "roster" of the San Francisco Club, together with the constitution that had been adopted by the Chicago Rotary Club. At that time there were but two Rotary Clubs in existence — the parent Rotary Club in Chicago, and Club No. 2 in San Francisco.

We decided at this luncheon to send invitations to fifty prominent business men representing different lines, inviting them to a meeting at the Hollenbeck Hotel, where luncheon would be served and where we would discuss the organization of the Rotary Club. Out of the fifty invitations mailed, thirty-one responded and were present at the initial luncheon. At this first meeting a temporary organization was effected with thirty of the thirty-one business men as charter members. Regular weekly meetings were held at 12 o'clock on Fridays."

We also quote here, a portion of a letter written by Walton Wood, several years after the organization meeting:

"Shortly after the organization of the San Francisco Club, Homer sent me certain printed matter concerning the club and suggested that I organize a Rotary Club in Los Angeles. At that time I was a newcomer in Los Angeles and had just opened a law office here. In a few days Homer wrote me another letter telling me that one of the Holman brothers, who were members of the San Francisco club, and who were representatives of Travelers Insurance Company, had sent a letter to Jerry Muma, the Los Angeles representative of Traveler's Insurance Company, with a suggestion that Jerry organize a Rotary Club in Los Angeles. Homer suggested that I contact Jerry in this matter, which was easy for me to do since Jerry and I had been in college together.

Jerry and I had lunch together one day and laid plans for the organization of the Los Angeles Club. At that time a civic organization for boosting the Los Angeles harbor had completed its objects and one Herbert C. Quick, a professional secretary who had been working for the harbor association, was suggested as available, to become professional secretary for the new Rotary Club. Arrangements were made for Mr. Quick and Jerry and me, and we each gave him names to interview as prospective members for the Los Angeles Rotary Club. These arrangements were effected and the first meeting was called for June, 1909, at the old Hollenbeck Hotel. I do not recall the exact date of the meeting, but doubtless the

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records of the club will show the date and the names of the members present. Jerry Muma was elected the first President of the Club."

In a letter written from San Francisco by Arthur Holman to the author under date of July 11th, 1938, he had this to say:

"During the recent Rotary Convention I thought several times of our luncheon together because your assignment to make some notes about Rotary's first days in Los Angeles, got us all to reminiscing. Here were 10,444 registered Rotarians from all over the world and here you and Bru Brunnier and I were talking about Clubs Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5! We must ask ourselves the question, what was that secret ingredient in the original Rotary idea? In those early days it hit Homer Wood harder than any one else, for here was the first real missionary of Rotary. He sent men to other places to preach its gospel. It is very difficult for me to understand why Homer Wood was so possessed, for no one else in the San Francisco Club was. Some of us were infected with his enthusiasm and in our travels we did missionary work but he is entitled to the credit of direction and inspiration."

From all of the above it is quite apparent that the early members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco, especially Homer Wood and Arthur Holman, should be given credit for actually starting Rotary on its way to being a world-wide organization. About three and a half years had elapsed between the time the Chicago Club had been organized and the founding of the San Francisco Club. The Rotary Clubs of Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles were directly started through the efforts of these two men.

Jerry Muma, first president and co-organizer with Walton Wood of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, is described by many of his friends as a real organizer. He was dynamic, had a wide acquaintance with the business men of Los Angeles and was a very enthusiastic worker.

For many years June 25th, 1909, has been accepted as the date on which the Los Angeles Club held its organization meeting, and all the early rosters and club literature carried a statement to that effect. Nothing definite has as yet been found that could be considered positive proof of that date. Will Stephens, who succeeded H. C. Quick as Secretary late in 1909 or early in 1910, wrote to Chesley R. Perry, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Rotary Clubs, under date of April 17th, 1911.

"Referring to your letter of the 12th inst. — Please be advised that June 29th, 1909, was the date on which this club was organized and elected its officers, as shown on its minutes."

In an article in THE ROTARIAN of March 1917, entitled "Los Angeles Club No. 5" also written by Will Stephens, appeared the sentence "The Charter of the Club is dated June 29th, 1909."

The files of the Los Angeles Club do not contain a copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting to which Will referred in his letter of April 17th, 1911, nor does it contain a copy of Will's letter of that date. There is no copy of the charter to be found, either.

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Some time after Will Stephens passed away, Tony O. Babb, secretary of the Los Angeles Club during the year Stephens was president, presented to the historical committee a small collection of rosters and pamphlets of the early period of Rotary, and which had been given to him by Stephens. In this lot there was what might be called a "mock up" for a new booklet describing the Los Angeles Rotary Club and apparently intended for use in obtaining new members. This "mock up" was prepared either by H. C. Quick or Will Stephens, and the pages used to prepare the mock up were apparently taken from the "Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Los Angeles" and dated July, 1909. These pages most probably had been written by H. C. Quick, the club secretary at that time. One of the pages of this book states:

"The Rotary Club of Los Angeles was organized — on June 25th, 1909."

The information contained in the letters from Will Stephens to Rotary International and the information contained in the pamphlet, were submitted to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Club at their meeting of December 16th, 1943, and in order to clarify the uncertainty, the Board passed a resolution adopting June 25th, 1909 as the date on which the club was organized. The following excerpt is from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1943

"A request of the Historical Committee of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles for a decision by the Board of Directors on the question of the organization date of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, which is printed on our roster and letterheads as of June 25, 1909, whereas correspondence during the administration of William Stephens gave the date as of June 29, 1909. On motion of Director Cannon, seconded by Director Miller, it was the opinion of the Board that inasmuch as the date of June 25, 1909 has been considered the organization and founding date of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles for many years, that this date be not changed."

Immediately after the organization meeting, which was held at the Hollenbeck Hotel in June, 1909, a campaign for members was started. At that time the headquarters of the Rotary Club were installed in the office of the Travelers Insurance Company and H. C. Quick had a desk adjacent to one occupied by Charlie Bent, a charter member of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. Charlie had the opportunity of listening in to one side of many telephone conversations between Mr. Quick and prospective members. We are quoting Charlie's own description of some of the selling talk used by Mr. Quick:

"Thus it was my lot to suffer this man's telephone selling talk to prospective Rotarians morning, noon and night! In other words, the charter membership of Los Angeles Rotary was born practically under my very nose! The selling talk ran something like this, 'Hello, Mr. Jones, this is Mr. Quick, Secretary of the

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Rotary Club of Los Angeles. I am extending an invitation to you to become a member of our Club as the sole representative of your business in Los Angeles. By simply doing your trading with your fellow members, you will, within a few weeks, at our present rapid rate of growth, have more than 200 men as your valued customers. It's simply a case of you scratch their backs and they will scratch yours. Meet me next Friday noon, with your check for \$5.00 initiation fee, and you will be welcomed as a full-fledged member and start at once receiving the patronage of new customers."

Friendliness and good fellowship prevailed in the new club from the beginning, but the unique purpose of the club was for the members to give and to influence business to, and to get business from, fellow members and persons influenced by them. It took direct issue with social clubs and other institutions wherein it was considered dishonorable or unethical to belong for business purposes. No such restraint existed in the Rotary Club. It was declared to be a business club and that it, therefore, was proper to join it for business purposes.

This was true in the Rotary Club of Los Angeles just as it was true in the Rotary Club of Chicago, as is evidenced by the excerpt from the letter written by Charlie Bent and from the statements of many other early members which will be quoted in part in the following pages. While the writer feels it was indeed a wise decision on the part of the early leaders of Rotary that the objects of the organization were later changed, for it is doubtful if it could have endured by working under such self-centered motives, he also feels that the early object of trading among the membership was responsible for the quick growth of the first clubs, and for that reason alone it was at least excusable.

In organizing the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Homer Wood claimed that it was not meant to be anything but a booster organization. This is set forth in a letter from him dated April 27th, 1938, from which we quote as follows:

"In the By-laws of the Chicago Club which I received in 1908, there was a statement relative to the urging of members to patronize each other. In organizing the San Francisco Club I ignored this entirely. I felt that I could not get a club started in San Francisco with that idea. I avoided reading the Chicago By-laws at the organization banquet in order that that idea would not come up and would not be discussed. After a year, however, the San Francisco Club did go into the trade with each other idea the same as Chicago had previously. This idea perhaps helped to keep some clubs together for some time, but as you know it was taken out of all clubs a few years later."

As stated by Homer Wood, the San Francisco Club did go in for trade; likewise the Tri-City Rotary Club across the bay. H. J. (Bru) Brunnier of San Francisco told the writer that for a time the Tri-City Rotary Club met more or less secretly owing to resentment which developed against a club whose main objective was to promote the business of the membership.

In the organization of the Los Angeles Club the "Trade with each other idea" was the principal argument used in gaining members. The following, taken from a letter written by Charles E. Carver, a charter member, quotes from a roster dated November, 1910, and from one dated July of the same year:

"As you of course know, the principal theme or spirit of the club in its earlier days were "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." In other words, each one was to throw all the business he could to the other members. Nearly every occupation being covered that pretty well took care of the wants of everybody."

In the foreword in the November, 1910 directory or roster is this statement:

OBJECTS:

"The promotion of the business interests of its members.

To advance loyalty, good fellowship and sociability among its members.

To further the best interest of Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast, and to spread civic pride."

In the foreword of the July, 1910, directory, or roster, is the following:

"Here is a club differing from any you have ever joined or heard of — a club so unique, so unusual, that those on the outside want to get in and those on the inside, once within the portals, are anxious to remain.

Other clubs frown upon any effort on the part of members to use the club as a means for securing business; but the rule they make in that respect is more often lived up to in the breach than in the observance.

What is done sub-rosa in other clubs is here done openly — a part and parcel of the club's work, one of the reasons for its very existence. Rotary Club says frankly and plainly — cultivate your fellow members and use them to get business from; they in turn to do the same with you. It goes even further. It says — influence all the business of your friends and acquaintances that you can for the benefit of your fellow members. The spirit of reciprocity is strong in Rotary."

We quote also from a letter from Dr. Edward S. Merrill, dated October 1st, 1937, who, while not a charter member, came into the Club during 1909:

"You can't saw wood with a hammer."

"It's worthwhile to be a booster."

"Help boost the membership roll up to 500. You will then have 499 boosters working for your business interests."

These from the March, 1910, Directory of Rotary Club No. 5.

"Do you see the 'cash register' idea? That's the basis of which membership was sold to the then members of the Club. Now with our superior (more adult) ideas of ethics, we decry any cash register thought of profit in Rotary except as acquaintance breeds friendship, friendship breeds confidence and confidence breeds business. We have added a couple of steps in between membership and profit."

"It's very interesting to know that the early office secretary received his salary by a commission on the membership fee."

"Social development of the Club was aided by campaign after campaign of putting fences around the name Rotary, of attempts to define the central theme, along with the almost weekly reports and prizes given for the largest amount of

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business thrown to another Rotarian with a constructive effort to tell just what Rotary meant."

"Los Angeles was smaller then, one quarter of its size now, and the camaraderie and enthusiasm of a rapidly growing city carried through the activities of our Rotary Club.

"There were many new ventures, social and physical, for I got my first automobile, a two-cylinder Maxwell, about the time I came into Rotary. Dick Ferris, under the head of Aviation and Amusement, showed us our first air-plane at the Dominguez Air Field and the longest flight in the world's history when Louis Paulhan flew to Pasadena and back.

"Many men who have markedly influenced the growth and reputation of Club No. 5 were then getting their start. Walton Wood, our fourth president, coming from San Francisco, was beginning to climb the legal stairs which finally placed him in his present exalted position. Allin Rhodes was developing the Title Abstract and Trust Company, which is still growing, even though Allin left us this last year. Dudley Dorman, under the classification of 'Butter', left behind him Creameries of America."

"We watched the growth of the Hill Chemical Company and have seen the mantle of Charlie, as past president, fall to the shoulders of a son, Beverly. We have seen Silverwood's win with a triple play from Shaw to Nagle to Rebard to Gregg Layne. The hotel man, John S. Mitchell, has gone but left his son, Stan, who is Secretary of the Southern California Automobile Club. Of the insurance men Charlie Carver and Charlie Bent are still carrying the load, and Irwin Muma, first President of our Club, and Will Stephens, second Secretary and later President, are no longer here but leave glorious memories. We have seen Bob Hutcheson make an outstanding company of E. K. Wood Lumber concern, and Oswald Granicher carrying the Boston Optical Company on his shoulders. To Doc Traugher, a tribute, not only from his patients but from me, for he moved over in his classification and invited me into Rotary. The exigencies of business have left in Club No. 5 only four per cent of the original group and this is only 1½ per cent of the present club. Tempus fugit!"

The following is from a statement by charter member, Dr. W. F. Traugher:

"Piled high at each plate at all of our luncheons was literature and advertising specialties of all kinds. These had to be cleared from the tables often before there was room for food. Members were urged to trade with fellow members. It was like a clearing house for business deals. Even the President of the Club not only urged that, with everything else being equal, we trade with our own members. He would often announce how many Rotarians he had patronized during the week and had others make similar announcements. On several occasions some one would announce that he had just completed a house and that all the material bought was from Rotarians and all the subcontracts were let to Rotarians.

Members were urged to visit the places of business of each other and to report at some future luncheon giving the man or his firm a boost. We often had our luncheons at the place of business of some firm and after lunch were shown through the plant. Special introductory contests were often held and the man voted making the best speech, and the man he introduced, would be given a week of free advertising; and every member was not only expected to visit the places of business of the two, but was urged to patronize them when possible.

Much time each week was spent in getting acquainted, so that practically every member knew every other member and his business. When we had Ladies' Day, we loaded down all the women present with prizes and gifts of all kinds."

Oswald Granicher, who became a member in 1909, stated:

"It was in the fall of 1909 on my return from a month's vacation that my partner told me of a new club called Rotary that had been organized to which we were invited, indeed urged to join. The idea was to meet at luncheon, boost

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each others' business and enjoy a pleasant and social gathering. I suppose there must have been 'something in it' for him as the promoter was both zealous and proficient."

What attracted me primarily was the fine class of fellows that I met at the meeting so I 'joined up'. An old stub shows that I drew a check for \$3.00 in favor of H. C. Quick as dues to the Rotary Club for October, November, 1909. Since that I have paid several! I do not recall the exact nature of our programs, but it was always a feature to tell how much business and how many Rotarians we had patronized. It was always perfectly proper to display samples and to advertise in any way possible. Frequently meetings were held in stores or manufacturing plants of members. Sometimes the luncheons were composed of the various products donated by members, including liquid refreshments both as to quantity and quality. Opportunity was frequently given to tell about your own business or to boost some fellow member. Ladies were often invited and many prizes donated, so with good eats and drinks "a good time was had by all".

Changes came gradually, but always toward higher and better ideals like a plant reaching toward the sunshine. I remember well the meeting (it would be fine if the exact minutes were available) when the line of cleavage between the commercial and ideal was clearly drawn and definitely crossed. It was a matter that a vote of the club settled and I well remember my keen satisfaction at the outcome."

All of the above letters are set down here for their historical interest and for the purpose of indicating the type of meetings of the early days of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. All are in practical agreement on the trading idea, and some bring out that the promotional Secretary, H. C. Quick, received his compensation from the membership entrance fees.

PORTERVILLE EVENING RECORDER
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
September 27, 1943

Mr. A. J. Lynch
2424-30 Enterprise St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Rotarian Art:

Accept my thanks for your kind favor relative to history of the Los Angeles Rotary Club in its early days.

I am very glad that you sent a copy to Bru Brunnier of San Francisco as well as Arthur Holman.

As to your work in this history and references to other clubs on the Pacific Coast, I feel quite sure that you have made it as accurate as possible.

I thank you sincerely for your very good work in this matter. I trust also that all the members of your club will feel grateful and appreciative.

Rotarily yours,
Homer W. Wood

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1909-1910

At the time this is written (October, 1938) efforts to locate the early files and records of the Los Angeles Rotary Club have been without results. However, some of the early rosters and directories, as they were sometimes called, give the organization date as June 25th, 1909. Jerry Muma's letter to the Rotary Club of Chicago, dated October, 1910, states that thirty-one (31) men attended the organization meeting and thirty (30) of the thirty-one (31) became charter members of the Club. No information has as yet been found that would tell who these thirty (30) men were.

The historical files of our Club contain a roster marked No. 4, carrying no date, and not listing any of the officers. It contains a list of 103 members. This roster, it is estimated, was printed about July or August, 1909. There is also a roster marked No. 5, carrying no date and no list of officers. It lists 142 in the membership. It is estimated that this roster was printed in September, 1909.

Both of the above rosters were printed by the Curran Printing Company at 211 New High Street, which, according to some of the earlier members, was succeeded by the House of Ralston.

The Los Angeles Improvement Association News in an issue of October, 1909, lists 140 names as the roster of the club at that time. This list is headed by Honorable George Alexander, Mayor, and contains other names of many other men who were prominent at that time including L. H. Schwaebe, former Collector of Customs for Los Angeles Harbor, and Frank Wiggins, former Secretary-Manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. This list, which also includes some of the members who are still in our Club, has been placed in the historical file in the club office.

The files of Rotary International at Chicago reveal the following officers and directors for 1909:

PRESIDENT.....	IRWIN J. MUMA
	409 Security Building
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	R. P. PROBASCO
	531 Byrne Building
SECRETARY.....	H. C. QUICK
	411 Security Building

DIRECTORS:	
IRWIN J. MUMA	H. C. QUICK
WILL D. STEPHENS	DICK FERRIS
E. GERSON	DEXTER SAMASON
H. J. BRAINERD	

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The third printed roster available at this time is not numbered and is dated March, 1910. It carries 173 names in the membership and lists the following as officers and directors:

PRESIDENT	I. J. MUMA
VICE-PRESIDENT	DICK FERRIS
SECRETARY	WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

E. GERSON	DEXTER SAMASON
H. J. BRAINERD	WALTON J. WOOD

We note here that H. C. Quick was apparently replaced as Secretary by William D. Stephens, and Dick Ferris replaced R. P. Probasco as Vice-President. The name of Quick does not appear in the membership list, although Probasco's name appears therein under the classification of "Mexican lands." It is also noted that the Secretary's office was listed as 314 Security Building, while the office of H. C. Quick, former Secretary, was given as 411 Security Building. No reason is known for the change in the office of Vice-President from Probasco to Ferris, but in the case of H. C. Quick, we quote the following from a statement by one of the early members:

"Our professional Secretary got into financial difficulties and we were compelled to make a change. Will Stephens became Secretary and carried on the work from his own insurance office. Will had been Exalted Ruler of the Elks, had a large acquaintance in the city and through his efforts many fine members were brought in. His influence on the Club was very pronounced and the Club later honored him by making him President."

It is well established that the first meeting place of the Club was the old Hollenbeck Hotel, which occupied the southwest corner of Second and Spring Streets until it was torn down during 1932 to make way for an auto parking lot. How long the meetings continued there is not of record. The Los Angeles Herald of September 11th, 1909, reports a meeting of the previous day as being held at the Bristol Cafe located in the basement of the H. W. Hellman Building at the northeast corner of Fourth and Spring Streets. Roster marked No. 4 (September, 1909) also states "The Club will meet every Friday at 12:30 o'clock at the Cafe Bristol". Roster No. 5 (October, 1909) carries a sentence—"The Club will meet every Friday at 12 o'clock at the Angelus Hotel". In the issue of the Los Angeles Herald dated January 29th, 1910, it reports a meeting of the Los Angeles Rotary Club held at the Westminster Hotel at 346 South Main Street.

At a meeting held at the Bristol Cafe on September 10th, 1909,

the Rotary Club of Los Angeles became the first organization to sponsor Dick Ferris in his effort to bring to Los Angeles the first aviation meet in America, which was the second Annual International Contest for the Gordon Bennett Coupe Internationale d'Avion. For the interest it contains we reproduce herewith the high points of the report of the meeting as published in the Los Angeles Herald of September 11th, 1909:

**"ROTARY CLUB STARTS FUND TO BRING GREAT
INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TOURNAMENT TO LOS ANGELES
WITH MONEY ALREADY POURING IN"**

"Aviation received a big forward impulse in Los Angeles yesterday when Dick Ferris addressed the Rotary Club on the possibilities of securing the second annual international contest for the Gordon Bennett Coupe Internationale d'Avion. After stating that the contest would not only make history that would bring honor to the city selected, but that it would also bring greater crowds than were attracted by either the Shriner Convention or Elks' reunion, Mr. Ferris urged that efforts to secure the contests be made by a united effort of business men generally without the least intervention of profit for any individual. Several members of the Club spoke for the plan proposed by Mr. Ferris and the Club unanimously adopted a motion to further it. Newton J. Skinner, President of the All Night and Day Bank, who was at the Rotary dinner, volunteered on behalf of the bank to accept subscriptions. Secretary Quick arranged to have subscription blanks printed at once and they will be circulated by members of the Club. More than one thousand dollars was raised at the meeting. Charles E. Bent presided.

Ferris said, "Nothing approaching this coming contest has been dreamed of heretofore. Just a few years ago people said, 'You couldn't pay me to ride in one of those things when an automobile was mentioned, but now everybody wants a ride. That will be the case with flying. Inside of ten years you will see equipment like Pullman limited trains going east through the air.'

"The Rotary Club should signalize its 'boosting' ideals by furthering this proposal of Mr. Ferris," said I. S. Hurst. "It will bring honor to the organization that is first in on it."

H. J. Brainerd urged the Club to take up the plan as did Garner Curran whose motion to the effect was unanimously adopted. Before the Club adjourned several had given subscriptions to the Secretary.

Following the address, the Rotary Club plan of boosting each member's business as well as the general prosperity of the city was taken. Nearly one hundred members were present and each arose in turn, stating his name and business and what he had to sell. This plan was following once a month and served to bring Rotary Club members much business.

Secretary H. C. Quick announced that larger ideas for stimulating business interchange had been initiated in establishing a business clearing house for members. Pointers on prospects will be telephoned to members from the central office of the Club, the building permits and

other possibilities will be watched and analyzed and opportunities will be looked up in other ways. After establishing this as a local influence the Club will extend its activity in looking out for trade in Southern California and later, as the harbor develops, possibilities in foreign markets.

Dick Ferris last night telegraphed the following inquiry to the Aero Club of America:

"Los Angeles raising funds to bid for international aviation contest. Prefers to ask for holding in January as winter conditions are ideal here. What is your opinion as to this?"

The local Aero Club thinks negotiations should be conducted through the Club and say that they are willing to work with the Chamber of Commerce. The Club has appointed President Twining, W. H. Leonard, J. H. Klassen and William Stephens a committee to confer with the Exposition Committee of the Chamber of Commerce."

That the Aviation Meet was a success is a matter of history, and many will remember that the world's long distance flight for airplanes was broken when Louis Paulhan flew a Farnham plane from Dominguez Field, where the meet was held, to Pasadena and back, a distance of over twenty miles.

We quote here an editorial from the Los Angeles Herald of Saturday, January 15th, 1910, and a report of a Rotary Club meeting held at the Westminster Hotel on Friday, January 29th, 1910:

"Dick Ferris is one of our most enterprising citizens. To him, more than to any other individual, Los Angeles owes its greatest success of modern times, its triumphant mid-winter aviation week. This surely will become an annual 'event' which will remind the world in a most convincing and effective way that Los Angeles differs from all the other great cities in being an all-the-year-round metropolis. We are never snowed up or frozen stiff or blizzarded to a standstill in greater Los Angeles."

**FERRIS HONORED BY ROTARY CLUB
CLUB MEMBERS CALL HIM "AVIATION WEEK FATHER"**

Huge Medal Also Handed to Flying Machine
Friend at One of the Most Unique
Luncheons in this City

"Dick Ferris, 'father of Aviation Week,' was the guest of honor at a dinner given yesterday noon in the Westminster Hotel by the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, at which he was presented with a handsome smoking set. 125 members of the Club, each representing a separate line of business, met to pay homage to their fellow member.

The decorations were unique and fitting for the occasion. From each plate was poised a small toy balloon, suspended from the ceiling were all kinds of aerial crafts, bi-planes, monoplanes and dirigibles, the propellers of each being driven by a small motor.

Each member present wore a badge with his name and the question, 'What's yours?' emblazoned upon it.

After dinner was served, Irwin J. Muma, President of the Club and toastmaster, made a short address. Mr. Ferris, after being presented with a gigantic celluloid medal, made a brief reply. 'The Rotary Club is the first organization before which the Aviation Week was discussed', said Mr. Ferris. 'It was this Club which started a subscription to raise the money necessary to carry it on. It was then found necessary for the undertaking to be handled by a civic organization, and made a civic affair. With all due respect to the M and M Association and Chamber of Commerce and not in any way casting reflections upon those organizations, a progressive city needs a progressive civic body. That body is the Rotary Club. Every members is a 'live wire,' said Mr. Ferris.

The real presentation speech was given by G. E. Nagle. In behalf of all the members of the Club, Mr. Nagle presented Mr. Ferris, 'the man of the hour,' as he addressed him, with a handsome leather upholstered table and antique hammered copper smoking set.

The committee of arrangements for the dinner consisted of J. J. Jenkins, C. W. Hill, I. S. Hurst and Dr. Charles B. Nichols.

Those present were:

C. G. Titcomb
Lincoln Holland
Walton J. Wood
M. D. Hopkins
James F. Bierend
E. A. Woodruff
Frank A. McElwain
J. P. Metcalf
J. Newman
J. R. Waller
Charles V. Peckham
E. F. Archer
Dexter Samason
B. R. Brown
A. W. Jackson
Frank J. Baum
W. J. Conner
Henry Klein
Ed. Gerson
C. H. Woodruff
Max Proells
Garner Curran
A. F. Borden
J. H. Wood
A. E. Little
I. J. Muma
A. E. Nagle
F. V. Owen
Carl Salbarth
H. W. Hellvor
Carl G. Packard

A. I. Burger
George H. Buckwalter
F. W. Rea
E. H. Burger, Jr.
Charles E. Carver
L. L. Olney
Arthur J. Hill
C. D. Young
C. W. List
Charles O. Haskell
A. P. Welcome
Lucien Haas
Edward Germain
Frank O. Sundquist
Adelmo Schroeder
H. H. Harris
Sidney Norman
L. R. Mellus
John H. Nightingale
E. E. Smith
P. H. Lyon
S. H. Schwaek
Arthur Boyce
George W. Condon
M. L. Baily
E. D. Dake
Wm. J. Brandenburg
Fred N. Arnotdy
Charles H. Coffey
J. A. Mottashed
E. F. Staples

F. E. Pierce
Harry C. Newman
James Sheehan
Edward M. Crail
Gus Harris
Arthur G. Wilson
W. S. Morse
F. D. Hudson
Bernard Italie
W. F. Jacobson
J. Joe Joos
William Wier
William H. Damon
A. S. Barnes
W. F. Taylor
G. D. Westphal
Thomas P. Jones
W. Herlihy
Flavel Shurtleff
Andrew Beyrle
W. Parris
I. S. Richards
W. Sweetland
D. H. Schuhman
George R. Mead
T. B. Shaw
A. K. Rebard
Bryant Matthews
Bernal Dyas
Dr. E. S. Merrill

During the first year of its existence, the Rotary Club of Los Angeles adopted an emblem which was designed by H. C. Quick. This emblem was used on the club stationary and decorated the cover of the early rosters. A cut of it appeared in the issue of The Rotarian dated February, 1938, along with many of the early emblems of various

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Rotary Clubs. It was also shown in the Los Angeles Herald of September 18th, 1909, with the following article accompanying:

EMBLEM WHICH MAY BE ADOPTED BY CLUB



"The Rotary Club yesterday inspected the new emblem for the Rotary members in all parts of the United States. It was designed by H. C. Quick, Secretary of the Los Angeles Club. The significance of the Rotary emblem was elucidated in the following statement, prepared by Charles E. Bent, and read at the club luncheon yesterday by Dick Ferris:

'Cooperation, business honor and progressive action — these are the guiding principles which actuate the members of the Rotary organization throughout the ever widening circle of its influence.

'To the man who is infused with the spirit of genuine Rotary enthusiasm this emblem is eloquent with meaning. The pilot wheel stands for the wise guidance of profitable business into the hands of fellow members; the watchful eye typifies the mental alertness to seize opportunity, the laurel wreath surrounding the stern weapon of ancient warfare is expressive of peace reinforced by the power to execute, if necessary, the demands of justice and right; the staves firmly bound together, typifying the combined strength of a membership united in confidence, in ambition and in mutual helpfulness.

'It is the fulfillment of these ideals that has ever made men and organizations and nations truly great."

At yesterday's luncheon of the Rotary Club, visitors were present from Boston, Atlanta, Cincinnati and Goldfield. Several members talked on details of their businesses, giving the members of the club a better insight of the business opportunities offered by other members."

On April 1, 1910, before I. J. Muma had completed his term of office of one year, he was transferred to the Chicago office of the Travelers Insurance Company. Sometime after his arrival there, he succeeded John A. Ferris as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the organization of a national association of Rotary Clubs.

In August of the same year (1910) was held in Chicago the first Rotary convention. There was formed the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America with sixteen member clubs.* "Jerry" Muma represented the Rotary Club of Los Angeles as its official delegate at this convention and also served the Rotary Club of San Francisco as its proxy. Further honors were accorded Jerry by his election to serve as temporary chairman of the convention.

1910

Dick Ferris has been listed in all of the rosters of recent years as an early President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. The real early rosters do not reveal that he ever was given the office of President, but he is listed in one of the earliest rosters as having been elected to the office of Vice-President, and his name appears as vice-president on the Club's letterhead bearing the date March 28, 1910. R. P. Probasco seems to have been the Vice-President when the Club was organized but before a full year had expired, the name of Dick Ferris appeared as filling that office. It may have been that Probasco was elected only for the balance of the year 1909, or it may be that he resigned the office before the expiration of his full term, but whatever the reason, Ferris filled the office during the latter part of the Club's first year.

In endeavoring to clarify the administration of that period, and to

* Chicago, Ill.; San Francisco, Calif.; Tri-City (Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda) Calif.; Seattle, Wn.; Los Angeles, Calif.; New York City, N.Y.; Boston, Mass.; Tacoma, Wn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Paul, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo.; New Orleans, La.; Kansas City, Mo.; Lincoln, Nebr.; Portland, Ore.; Detroit, Mich.

learn why Ferris has been listed as a past President, we learned from the Travelers Insurance Company that Jerry Muma was transferred from that company's Los Angeles office to their Chicago office on April 1st, 1910. This would indicate then that Muma served as President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club for nine months only and that Vice-President Ferris filled out the unexpired term of Muma.

This is further borne out by the date of the incorporation of the Los Angeles Club, the charter bearing the date of April 30, 1910. The name of Ferris heads the list of those whose names appeared in the Articles of Incorporation, and the application to the State of California for a "private corporation in accordance with Section 591 of the civil code."

Other names appearing on this application were:

C. W. Hill	E. Gerson
Will Stephens	H. J. Brainerd
Dexter Samason	Walton J. Wood

These, with Ferris, were listed as duly elected directors—the articles of incorporation specifying this number. A number of members' names were listed as having signed the application for incorporation. They were:

H. B. Woodill	F. D. Hudson	C. H. Woodruff
E. Germain	C. E. Carver	J. J. Jenkins
Charles B. Nichols	A. F. Borden	Carl E. Packard
Garner Curran	D. H. Schulman	J. P. Waller
W. Swetland	C. M. Crail	Walter J. Cook

The first article of incorporation gives the official name as
"ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES"

The second article states:

"That the purpose for which said corporation is formed is the extension and promotion of trade and commerce of the City of Los Angeles, of the citizens of Los Angeles, and of the individual members of the association; the promotion of good fellowship among the members; the advancement of the best interests of Los Angeles, and the spreading of the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens."

Third Article:

"That the place where the principal business of said corporation is to be transacted is the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California."

Fourth Article:

"That the term for which said corporation is to exist is fifty years from and after the date of its incorporation."

Fifth Article:

"That the number of directors of said corporation shall be seven."

Sixth Article:

"That there shall be no stock in this corporation."

1910-1911

Records of Rotary International show that in October, 1910, a letter from Secretary C. R. Perry was directed to C. W. Hill, President of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. A "directory" of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, carrying the number 9 and dated November, 1910, lists the following officers and directors:

PRESIDENT.....C. W. HILL
VICE-PRESIDENT.....J. J. JENKINS
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

DR. C. B. NICHOLS	DICK FERRIS
J. E. NAGEL	FLAVEL SHURTLEFF
C. W. HILL	J. J. JENKINS
W. J. WOOD	H. R. MACLAFFERTY
WILL STEPHENS	

Since the Rotary Club of Los Angeles was organized June 25th, 1909, it is assumed that the officers and directors were elected for the term of one year and on that assumption the above took office sometime after June 25th, 1910.

Roster No. 9 carries the names of 189 members. It also gives a list of Rotary Clubs in other cities as follows:*

Boston, Massachusetts	Oakland, California
Chicago, Illinois	Portland, Oregon
Cincinnati, Ohio	San Francisco, California
Kansas City, Missouri	Seattle, Washington
Minneapolis, Minnesota	St. Louis, Missouri
New York, New York	St. Paul, Minnesota
New Orleans, Louisiana	Tacoma, Washington

It gives the following objects:

"The promotion of the business interests of its members."

"To advance loyalty, good fellowship and sociability among its members."

"To further the best interests of Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast, and to spread civic pride."

There is not much information available regarding the meeting places or activities of the club during this administration. An item published in the Los Angeles Morning Herald of August 13th, 1910, is reproduced herewith:

* According to Rotary International this list as published was incorrect. It does not include Lincoln, Nebraska and Detroit, two of the founder members of the association, whereas it does list Cincinnati which was organized after the association was formed.

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SHOWS POSSIBILITIES OF HARBOR TO CLUB Rotary Members Celebrate Consolidation Anniversary

"The first anniversary of the consolidation of the municipality of San Pedro with greater Los Angeles was celebrated yesterday by the Los Angeles Rotary Club, which devoted its luncheon hour to an address by Captain Lewis Hansen on the possibilities of the harbor.

To illustrate his address, which was devoted to expressions of the commercial possibilities of the harbor, Capt. Hansen used an oil painting showing the completed harbor.

Capt. Hansen also mentioned the project of a 200 foot boulevard from the mountains to the sea, which will, if completed, be a connecting link with the harbor and a large factor in its commercial development.

At the close of the address the Club voted to take under advisement an excursion to the harbor, for the purpose of further acquainting the members with its commercial possibilities."

Referring to the last paragraph of the above it is interesting to note that the Club did decide to make the excursion. Beverly Hill, a son of President Hill, and at that time a youth of 12 years, recalled having accompanied his father and a group of Rotarians to the harbor. Dr. W. F. Traugher also remembers having made the trip.

The files of Rotary International contain four letters written by Secretary Will Stephens, one of which was a mimeographed communication sent to the membership, listing twelve members who should be patronized during housecleaning time. Another of these letters listed eleven open classifications and asked for applications for members to fill them.

One of these letters, dated March 1st, 1911, is a report to the National Association, and is reproduced as follows:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS OF AMERICA March 1st, 1911 Semi Annual Report of the ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

March 1st, 1911

To the N. A. of R. C. of A.:

The ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES hereby certifies that on March 1st, 1911 it had 188 active members.

New members gained since Sept. 1, 1910	17
Members dropped since Sept. 1, 1910	6
Members resigned since Sept. 1, 1910	10

Present President	
(Name) C. W. Hill	(Address) 910 E. 3rd St.
Present Vice-President	
(Name) J. J. Jenkins	(Address) 3000 Central Ave.
Present Secretary	
(Name) Will Stephens	(Address) 314 Security Bldg.
National Committeeman for 1911	
(Name) C. W. Hill	(Address) 910 E. 3rd St.

ADMINISTRATION OF 1910 - 1911

Delegates to 1911 National Convention

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|----|--------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. | (Name) | C. W. Hill | (Address) | 910 E. 3rd St. |
| 2. | (Name) | Will Stephens | (Address) | 314 Security Bldg. |
| 3. | (Name) | C. E. Miller | (Address) | 608-9 Grosse Bldg. |
| 4. | (Name) | C. E. Rosenberg | (Address) | 420½ S. Broadway |

(SEAL)

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

WILL STEPHENS
Secretary.

By

(Signed) C. W. Hill

Its President.

A REPORT OF WORK DONE

during the past six months, along the lines suggested below, will also be appreciated.

Business given or influenced to members (Amount and character) **No check system.**

Civic or Community Work (or co-operative work with other Commercial Bodies) **None.**

Social Affairs. **Two banquets — one contemplated in ten days.**

Important changes, or improvements in Constitution or By-Laws or in methods of conducting the Club. **None.**

Because of the interesting financial information revealed in the letter of April 24th, 1911, it is also reproduced herewith:—

THE ROTARY CLUB
of Los Angeles

C. W. Hill, President
J. J. Jenkins, Vice-President
Will Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer

314 Security Building
Main 1364

Los Angeles, Cal.,
April 24th, 1911

Mr. Chesley R. Perry, Sec'y.,
No. 911 East Natl. Bk. Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th of March, relative to the manner in which the Secretary's office is conducted, seems to have been buried under a mass of papers and for that reason remained unanswered.

Our Secretary's office is conducted as follows:

The Secretary receives a salary of \$250 per month out of which he maintains the office, provides all assistants, typewriting machines, multigraph and telephones. Stationery, postage and other necessary supplies are charged to the Club.

So far this arrangement has proven quite satisfactory

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to nearly all the members — at least 95% of them. Our initiation fee is \$25, and dues \$2 per month. We have not grown as fast as we might have done as there was a good deal of elimination work to be accomplished in the way of getting rid of poor material. This, however, has been accomplished in a large degree, and the personnel of the Club much improved.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you in Portland in July, I am

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Will Stephens
Secy. Treas.

Charles W. Hill was a director of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in 1910-1911 and 1911-1912. He resigned from this office in May, 1912. He appears to have resigned from the Club in 1918, but returned again as a member in 1933. He was one of Rotary's most enthusiastic members until his death in 1935. He was succeeded in his classification by his son, Beverly, in the same year.

From information given by Walton J. Wood, Charles E. Carver and Charles E. Bent, it is believed that most of the meetings held during this year were held at the Angelus Hotel at Fourth and Spring Streets.

1911-1912

Roster No. 10 gives the following officers and directors:

PRESIDENT.....C. H. MANN
 VICE-PRESIDENT.....O. H. MORGAN
 SECRETARY-TREASURER.....WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

GEORGE M. MUNGER, JR. A. B. MARSHALL
 W. E. SMITH H. B. WOODILL
 GARNER CURRAN WM. C. KEIM

The Objects of the Club are the same as those listed in Roster No. 9.

Roster No. 10 lists 157 members.

We are reproducing here, an announcement informing the membership that on December 8th, 1911, a ladies day luncheon would be held at the Angelus Hotel.

(Emblem)

314 Security Bldg.
 Los Angeles, California

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L A D I E S D A Y

Angelus Hotel — Mezzanine Floor — Friday, December 8th — 12 M.

Gifts for every lady *and* more than *seventy* prizes

So close up the office — come and bring the lady.

The Committee expects every man in the Rotary Club to be there.

Entertainment Committee

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In the Secretariat at Chicago, there is on file the first edition (multigraphed) of "The Rotarian," published by the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. It bears the date of December 22nd, 1911, and makes reference to the Ladies Day Luncheon as announced above.

During this administration dissatisfaction arose over some of the members failing to receive enough business from other members. The final result was the resignation of President Mann, Vice-President Morgan and four of the directors. From Will Stephens' letter to C. R. Perry of April 17th, 1912, it would appear that this occurred during early April, 1912. At the ensuing election, there were two nominees for the office of President, Dr. Edward S. Merrill and Walton J. Wood, the latter being elected by a majority of one vote.

There appears to be nothing outstanding during Mann's administration, although from information given by Charles Carver and Walton Wood, the dissention within the Club was a natural result of the cash register idea, which was the uppermost object of the Rotary Club during that period. Although there had been whisperings for some time, the first outbreak of the dissention occurred during an evening meeting of the Club held at Levy's Cafe in April of 1912. One of the members who had imbibed too freely openly accused other members of not living up to their Rotary obligations by failing to give him enough business.

Attention here is called to the fact that the Club Roster published at the beginning of Mann's administration had dropped from 189 to 157 members.

Attention is also directed to the first paragraph of Will Stephens letter of April 17th, wherein he states "I am still in the harness until June 1st". This would indicate that the club's fiscal year ended on that date.

(Emblem)

Will Stephens, Secretary-Treasurer
314 Security Building

ROTARY CLUB
of Los Angeles

April 17, 1912

Mr. Chesley R. Perry,
National Secretary
911 First National Bank Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Perry:

On Friday last the following officers were elected for the unexpired term of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, so you see that I am still in the harness until June 1st—
Walton J. Wood, President;
Roger M. Andrews, Vice-President;
Will Stephens, Secy.-Treas.;
with a new Board of Directors.

It was a brother of our President who organized the San Francisco Rotary Club, of which he was the first President.

I will keep you posted from time to time as to any changes that may take place in the Club. I think we will make considerable strides before the end of this term. Our Vice-President is a very live wire and in the banking business — and if I do not miss my guess he will be the next President of the Club.

Very truly yours,

WILL STEPHENS,
Secy.-Treas.

1912

Roster No. 11, dated June, 1912, lists the officers and directors of the latter part of the fiscal year 1911-1912 as follows:

PRESIDENT.....	WALTON J. WOOD
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	ROGER M. ANDREWS
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

C. A. NIMMO	A. F. BORDEN
DR. E. S. MERRILL	GEORGE M. MUNGER, JR.
WALTER E. SMITH	W. J. EISENMAYER

This roster lists 167 members of the Los Angeles Club.

Publication of the Objects of the Rotary Club were omitted from this issue.

The administration of Walton J. Wood was only of about two months' duration, during which time the main effort was to promote harmony and rebuild the membership which had previously declined.

1912-1913

From Roster No. 11, dated June, 1912, the following are listed as officers and directors of the Los Angeles Rotary Club:

PRESIDENT.....	ROGER M. ANDREWS
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	WALTON J. WOOD
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

FLAVEL SHURTLEFF	H. D. WARDEN
J. C. JENKINGS	DR. E. S. MERRILL
A. F. BORDEN	NORTON C. WELLS

This is the first roster published by the Club which contained the pictures of the members. It is also the first roster listing the various committees. The committees listed consist of Membership, Judiciary, Finance, Fraternal, Publicity, Extension, Entertainment, Civic, Grievance, and Ways and Means. After the publication of this roster, two other committees were created—one known as the Good Samaritan,

whose duties were to look after the sick and those worried by financial problems, and the Glad Hand committee to promote acquaintance and fellowship at the meetings. Roster No. 11 lists 168 members. The National Association of Rotary Clubs of America headquarters were listed as being at 911 First National Bank Building, Chicago, Illinois. Paul P. Harris was President and Chesley R. Perry, Secretary.

During this club year, a provision was made for "Partnership" members whose dues were fixed at \$1.00 per month; the dues of the regular members were now given at \$6.00 per quarter.

A contribution of \$532.00 was made to the Rotary Relief Fund for the Omaha tornado and the Dayton flood sufferers. Also, during this year, a Christmas tree with electric lights and gifts were presented to the Children's Hospital.

The members of the club subscribed \$4000.00 for the Great Ocean to Ocean highway fund. This amount was raised in one meeting.

Other items of interest were the adoption by the Club of the standard emblem of Rotary, and the continuance of boosting of fellow members' business during the meetings.

During this year President Roger Andrews also served as the chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. (Because of the admission of the Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg, Canada and London, England, the August, 1912, convention took action changing the name of the organization from National Association of Rotary Clubs of America to International Association of Rotary Clubs.)

Roster No. 12, carrying 317 names and dated January, 1913, gives as officers and directors the following:

PRESIDENT.....	ROGER M. ANDREWS
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	WALTON J. WOOD
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	WILL STEPHENS

DIRECTORS:

LEE RIDDLE	A. F. BORDEN
H. M. BURGWARD	W. P. SCHLOSSER
J. J. JENKINS	DR. E. S. MERRILL

A comparison with Roster No. 11 reveals that three directors—Shurtleff, Borden, and Wells had been replaced by Lee Riddle, H. M. Burgwald, and William P. Schlosser. The reason for such change in the Club's midyear was that during the period from September to December, inclusive, arrangements had been completed for the Rotary Club

of Los Angeles to take over the charter and the membership of the so-called "National Rotary Club" existing in Los Angeles. The three new directors were members of the "National Rotary Club". The merger of the two clubs accounts for the increase in membership from 168 in June, 1912, to 317 in January, 1913.

The merger of the two Rotary Clubs was the outstanding event that marked the first year of Roger Andrews' administration and was a most welcome sequel to a situation that had been embarrassing to the Los Angeles Club for two and one-half years.

The story of the National Rotary Club is given in the pages immediately following. It was obtained principally from the old minute book of the National Rotary Club and the personal memories of Hugo Burgwald and Wm. P. Schlosser, during a luncheon meeting at the Los Angeles Athletic Club on November 7th, 1938. In addition to the two mentioned, this meeting was attended by Mrs. Arthur J. Lynch, Irene Graefe and Art Lynch.

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And now there follows the fantastic tale of the founding in Los Angeles of a second Rotary Club by a man who, discharged from his office as Secretary of the first club and quick to see the financial advantages to be derived from such an organization, immediately gathered together a similar group.

When the Los Angeles Rotary Club was organized, it was early seen that a Secretary was needed to look after the business of the new organization and the first man to fill the position was H. C. Quick. Besides his secretarial duties, he was to solicit new memberships, his compensation to be a percentage of the dues collected. For selling more memberships than the Board of Directors thought advisable, or for some financial difficulty (both reasons have been advanced) he was dismissed after holding the office less than a year. Immediately, he set about organizing a similar club and filed articles of incorporation for the second, or National Rotary Club, as it was called. Article XVI of its By-Laws states, "The club shall have a common Seal, consisting of a circle having on its circumference the words 'National Rotary Club

Los Angeles, California Incorporated February 14, 1910'. The corporate powers of the corporation were to be vested in a board of three directors who were to be stock-holders holding one or more shares of stock in their own names on the books of the corporation and two were to constitute a quorum for business. The directors were to be selected by ballot at the annual meeting of the stockholders and were to serve for one year.

It was in the evening of April 19th that a meeting of the persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the National Rotary Club was held in Room 600 of the San Fernando Building at Fourth and Main Streets. Present were T. Bennett, C. H. Reeves and William F. Kenyon. C. H. Reeves was unanimously elected President, William F. Kenyon, Vice-President and Treasurer and T. Bennett, Secretary. Each of these men held twenty-five shares of stock, 'being all the shares of the subscribed capital stock of the company'.

With the National Rotary Club successfully launched, Mr. Quick was ambitious to expand in all directions, had visions of similar clubs up and down the coast and then gradually organized eastward. But certain members of the Los Angeles Club had different ideas about it, and when Mr. Quick applied for a charter in the state of Washington he was refused because a message stating certain facts about him had preceded him. Thus was nipped in the bud the attempt to encircle the country with "National" Rotary Clubs. There is no further record of Mr. Quick to be found except it is asserted that he owned all the stock reputedly owned by the Directors and that he later sold it to R. H. Nix.

In the records of a meeting held on January 19th, 1911, the name of R. H. Nix appears as Secretary, when he announced the resignation of President B. A. Sturgeon, Vice-President E. G. Goodrich and Vice-President O. S. Wilson as officers of the club. Nix called for a re-election of officers and W. P. Schlosser was nominated for President, C. H. Lewis for First Vice-President and Rex Belcher for Second Vice-President. All were unanimously elected. The President upon taking his seat, appointed Nix, Secretary and Treasurer, and we shall hear much of that gentleman during the tenure of his office.

The club grew. At a banquet held in the King Edward Hotel on February 9th, 1911, there were forty six members present. And at that meeting the President announced that the holders of the stock of the club wished to turn over their shares to Nix and desired the consent of the club to do so. This request was unanimously granted. Besides the

stock he now owned, Nix was to receive for his services to the Club all money collected for memberships or dues in return for which he was to pay all expenses and keep the club clear of debt.

This arrangement, however, did not work out so well and there was dissatisfaction among some of the members. Nix now owned eighty percent of the stock, collected and kept all dues and initiation fees and had full power to raise dues or initiation fees any time he wished. Dues were one dollar per month and the initiation fee ten dollars, but despite his promise to keep the Club out of debt, whenever money was needed for the various expenses, it was found necessary to assess the members to pay the bills. The idea of making the club a non-profit organization was put forth by some of those dissatisfied with the way things were being done and the idea quickly grew in favor.

But to accomplish this they must get rid of Nix. He was asked but refused to relinquish his stock and the charter. Finally Hugo Burgwald and Sam Brown decided to bring pressure to bear upon him. They persuaded him to accompany them to a room in the Hollenbeck Hotel, where, behind a locked door they argued it out. With what information they really possessed and by inference of other knowledge, they finally induced him to sell his stock. At first he had demanded a thousand or twelve hundred dollars for it but when Hugo told him that unless he unloaded for three hundred dollars they would "take him apart to see what made him tick," he succumbed to their bluff and settled for the sum they offered.

On Saturday, December 11th, 1911, a special meeting of all the Club's committees was held at the Hollenbeck Hotel. The meeting was called to order by President Schlosser and the members of the various committees present were Brothers* Lewis, Reeves, Van Pelt, Wyatt, Leonard, Duskin, Greene, Duncan, Woodworth, Valance, Wigon, Burgwald and Secretary Nix. The Club minutes state that Brother Burgwald was nominated and elected Secretary and Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Nix and his salary was to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The following conditions and agreements were voted by the members present: "Brother Nix is to turn over to the new secretary the seal, roster, all records, supplies, papers and accessories in his possession pertaining to the Rotary Club as well as all his right, title and interest in eighty percent of the capital

*It was customary for members of the National Rotary Club to address each other as "Brothers".

stock of the organization standing in his name, this stock to be turned into the treasury together with the twenty percent held by two other members, leaving all stock of the Rotary Club in its treasury, except three shares to be issued to the Board of Directors giving them power to act for the club." After this was done, Brother Burgwald and Brother Brown each advanced one hundred and fifty dollars which was paid to Brother Nix for his stock after he had made a statement of all bills payable, the amount of which was deducted and paid direct by the new Secretary, leaving no outstanding bills against the Club. Mr. Nix also agreed in writing to assume all responsibility of all bills accrued previous to this meeting. It was agreed that henceforth all dues were to be deposited in the bank to the credit of the Club and disbursements were to be made only on warrants drawn by the Treasurer and approved by the Finance Committee. It was also stipulated that the three hundred dollars loaned by Brother Burgwald and Brother Brown were to be repaid with interest at seven percent out of the treasury whenever funds permitted. An ironic touch was added when a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Nix for his past labors in behalf of the Club.

From then on the Club seemed to take on a new meaning. At the next regular meeting held at the Hollenbeck Hotel on Thursday, January 4th, 1912, according to the minutes, the remarks and suggestions from President Schlosser and other brothers as to plans and aspirations of the Rotary Club were received with applause and much good feeling. Each succeeding meeting was equally enthusiastic, with plans for a new roster and new By-laws and 'amid much kidding and hearty laughs among the members'. For his services as Secretary, Hugo Burgwald's salary was fixed at \$50.00 per month and in addition he was to receive all membership fees, the salary to be paid from dues collected. New names were rapidly added to the roster, several of them now in that of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. The Club began to expand its activities, it 'desired to become a power in the community and a body with which the best concerns in the community would be proud to be affiliated and desire to join, to bring matters of civic and general interest before the membership and to work in concert with the Chamber of Commerce, the City Club and other similar organizations'. To further this purpose and to give publicity to the Club, a Booster Committee of five members was appointed by President Schlosser with L. M. Barker, Chairman, aided by Brothers Sam Brown, Moore, C. M. Cook and Hollzer.

In April of 1912, the Secretary of the National Rotary Club was astounded to learn that its charter had been forfeited because of failure to pay the franchise tax which had become delinquent in the preceding August! The matter was immediately taken up with the Club attorney, Mr. Hollzer of Morton, Hollzer and Morton, who advised that a special committee be appointed to meet with him, that there was no way of reinstating the old corporation at once, and that the best course to pursue would be to apply for a new charter in the same name. Quickly acting upon this advice, eleven directors were named to sign the articles, Brothers Connor, Frankel, Woodworth, Green, Golding, Barker, Wilson, Van Pelt, Cook, and Burgwald.

Later that same month the annual election of officers was held. William Schlosser was re-elected President and Hugo Burgwald Secretary. Sixty members were present. A letter from Feagans and Company, well-known jewelers, was read offering to donate a perpetual trophy loving cup to be given each month to the member placing the most business with other club members. This offer was accepted and the first award made July 11th at the monthly evening business meeting. Two members tied for the honor and drew straws to decide the prize-winner.

The evening business meetings held each month were not well attended. (At one meeting only twenty-two members were present.) The minutes of the preceding month were read, current bills were ordered paid, new members were voted in, the Feagans' trophy awarded and business matters discussed. The Club was having some difficulty in collecting dues and steps were taken to compel the members to pay or lose their memberships. The following amendment was added to the By-laws:

"Any member failing to pay his dues to this Club within thirty (30) days after same have become due, his name shall be posted at four consecutive meetings, and if such delinquent dues shall then remain unpaid, such member shall forfeit his membership in this Club, provided such action shall meet with the approval of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting."

It was at the regular weekly meetings where the members met in jovial mood. There were speeches and there was music, there was much bantering back and forth and sometimes the party found wines and cigars at their places, gifts from some of the more liberal or affluent fellow members. Nor did the tables lack flowers, for a flower shop furnished the decorations.

To date little has been written of one William Kilgore, a member of the National Rotary Club, but it was he who unwittingly started the

ball rolling toward the consolidation of the two Rotary Clubs in Los Angeles. Ever loving a practical joke, he thought it would be great fun to introduce Hugo Burgwald and Roger Andrews, who was then President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. The introduction took place one September day in 1912 at the Union League Club of which all three were members. Instead of fur flying as Kilgore had expected, the two men took to each other at once. Both being very active in their respective Rotary Clubs, their conversation naturally turned to that subject and, before they parted, both had agreed that the two clubs should consolidate and that a committee composed of the two principals, Kilgore, Bill Stephens, Bill Schlosser and one or two others should meet and formally discuss the subject. This meeting was called at once and shortly after, a committee from each club was appointed to formulate plans for the consolidation of the two clubs and by late November everything was ready for the merger.

Both clubs had many fine outstanding members. But, as is common in any organization, there were some who were lax in their attendance or payment of dues or both and when the merger of the two organizations seemed a certainty, these were summarily dropped from the rolls. Committees from the two clubs met and recommended to their respective clubs following terms of the consolidation:

1. That the joint committee recommend to its respective clubs that there be no initiation fees, dues or assessments, or levies of any kind, charged to either the National Rotary Club or its members previous to merger.

2. That the National Rotary Club obligate itself to pay dues to the Rotary Club of Los Angeles at the usual rate of the club, that is, two dollars per month, beginning at the date of the merger.

3. That the National Rotary Club, as one of the considerations of this merger, offer the Rotary Club of Los Angeles the possession and ownership of its charter.

4. That as one of the conditions of merger it is Resolved: "That neither the National Rotary Club nor any of its members so merging shall be or become in anywise liable for the whole or any part of any debts or obligations (if any) which may be existing or outstanding against said Rotary Club of Los Angeles prior to or at the time of such merger; and likewise that the said Rotary Club of Los Angeles shall not by such merger be or become in anywise liable or obligated to pay or discharge either in full or in part any debt or obligation of any kind (if any) which may be existing or outstanding against said National Rotary Club or any of its members at the time of such merger."

5. That the date of merger be not later than January 1st, 1913.

6. That a two-thirds vote of each club be necessary to carry the consolidation.

7. That before either club votes on this question of consolidation, written notice be sent to the roster address of each member of each club by mail at least three days before the vote is taken.

8. That the Rotary Club of Los Angeles accept the roster of the National Rotary Club as it shall be presented to the Rotary Club of Los Angeles by the Secretary of the National Rotary Club.

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9. That the National Rotary Club accept the Constitution and By-laws of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

10. That the National Rotary Club accept the present Directors and officers of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles until the expiration of their present respective terms.

On November 1st, 1912, the Los Angeles Tribune carried the following article:

The two Rotary Clubs of this city are going to unite and form one large organization representing three hundred business firms, probably January 1st. There are now in existence the National Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. Both are flourishing. As their objects are precisely the same the promotion of their own welfare and that of the city in which they thrive their members feel that they should unite. Thus the confusion arising from similar names will be avoided and expenses cut.

Both clubs have unanimously voted to join hands. Terms of consolidation have been arranged by a joint committee. Final details probably will be settled in the near future.

The officers of the National Rotary Club are President, William P. Schlosser, Manager, J. W. Hellman Hardware Company, First Vice-President, W. J. Thomas, Vice-President, Thomas Fuel and Feed Company, Second Vice-President, L. M. Barker, Sales Manager, Barker Bros., household and office furnishings; Secretary-Treasurer, H. M. Burgwald, general insurance.

The officers of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles are: President, Roger M. Andrews, Assistant to the President, Citizens Trust & Savings Bank; Vice-President, Walton J. Wood of Davis, Lantz and Wood, attorneys; Secretary-Treasurer, Will Stephens, general insurance.

The committee of the two clubs arranging details of consolidation consist of five members each. The Chairman of the Los Angeles Rotary Club Committee is Dr. Edward S. Merrill, while Lee Riddle of Riddle and Cheroskee, attorneys, is acting in a similar capacity for the National Rotary Club."

For the interest they contain, we reproduce herewith, letters between Roger M. Andrews; William P. Schlosser, Hugo M. Burgwald and Will Stephens, written during the period of negotiations for the consolidation of the two clubs:

Dear Sir:

September 21st, 1912

The officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, by unanimous action, invite you and your directors to be their guests at a dinner at the Union League Club, where we may all become better acquainted and informally and unofficially discuss the welfare of Rotary in Los Angeles.

We will be glad to have you indicate a date which will be convenient.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Will Stephens
Secretary

NATIONAL ROTARY CLUB
Los Angeles, California

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September 23rd, 1912

Mr. Roger M. Andrews,
President, The Rotary Club of Los Angeles
308-310 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: Dinner

We have to thank you for your favor of the 21st inst., and on behalf of the officers and directors of the National Rotary Club, we gladly accept your kind invitation.

As to the date, we would suggest Thursday, September 26th.

Please advise whether this date will suit your convenience and time of meeting.

Thanking you again, we beg to remain

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. M. Burgwald
Secretary

W. P. Schlosser,
President

HMB/B

October 3, 1912

Mr. H. M. Burgwald,
229 Consolidated Realty Bldg.
City

Mr. dear Mr. Burgwald:

Confirming our telephone conversation, the officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles will be glad to have as their guests at dinner on Friday, October the 4th, at 6 o'clock sharp, at the Union League Club, the officers and directors of the National Rotary Club.

I suggest that you advise Mr. Stephens of the number of plates to be laid for your party.

It would be a splendid idea for you and Mr. Stephens to be there a little bit early so that introductions may be made without any one feeling like a stranger in a strange land.

Very cordially yours,

(signed) Roger M. Andrews
President

RMA/H

October 3, 1912

Will Stephens, Secretary
314 Security Bldg.
City.

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My dear Mr. Stephens:

Will you kindly advise Mr. Condon, Manager of the Union League Club, our plans for an informal dinner tomorrow, October 4th at 6:00 P.M. We just want a plain dinner and the whole bill will be paid by our Rotary Club in accordance with the action of the Board. I presume covers should be laid for about twelve or fifteen, according to the number of acceptances you have.

Mr. Burgwald can tell you over the 'phone how many of his people will come—we think probably a half dozen.

Very cordially yours,
(signed) Roger M. Andrews
President

At the consolidation meeting of the two Rotary Clubs, Bill Schlosser, President of the National Rotary Club, was presented with a beautiful watch. This was given to him by the members of his Club to express their appreciation of the successful period the club had experienced during his time as President and also because of the fact that during his term as their presiding officer he had arrived at the meetings a little late and always made the statement that according to his watch he was on time! The presentation of the watch was made by Hugo Burgwald and it came as a complete surprise to Bill who, just before receiving the watch, was called to the telephone by his store on the pretense that someone on another line was anxious to talk with him. He waited in the booth some ten minutes (in the meantime Hugo Burgwald was advising the members in attendance at the meeting that Bill would be presented with the watch that day) and was finally told not to wait any longer as the party calling had hung up and would doubtless call back later. On his return to the dining room Hugo Burgwald presented him with the lovely gold watch which he is still proud and happy to carry every day.

After the consolidation of the Rotary Clubs in Los Angeles there was an understanding among all members that a fine would be placed on

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any member who spoke or referred to either the National or Los Angeles Rotary Club prior to their consolidation. This plan worked exceedingly well and within a brief period no one spoke of "the other Rotary Club".

A brief report on the subject was sent by President Andrews to the 1913 Rotary Convention at Buffalo, N.Y., and was published in the September, 1913, issue of Rotary's official publication, THE ROTARIAN. President Andrews' report is quoted here in part:

THE EXPERIENCE OF LOS ANGELES WITH CLUB ASSOCIATION

The Rotary Club of Los Angeles is now the largest club in the entire International Association, having three hundred and ten names upon its membership roll.

When the original Rotary Club of Los Angeles was organized, about four years ago, difficulties were soon encountered by reason of the inefficiency of the secretary. A more or less critical situation developed and the secretary's services were dispensed with.

The original club had failed to take out incorporation papers. The former secretary thereupon organized another club and called it the National Rotary Club, and immediate steps were taken for its incorporation. The original club, waking up to the situation, was also able to get through incorporation papers, leaving two clubs in the field, regularly organized and incorporated.

Very soon the same inefficiency on the part of the secretary became apparent and his services were again dispensed with. But the two clubs were in the field and a great many men, of all professions and in all walks of business life, were recruited as members, some of them not clearly understanding just what organization they were becoming affiliated with, and many going into the National Rotary Club under the belief that it was a part of the national Rotary movement.

After a number of efforts were made to clarify the situation the directors of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, during the fall of 1912, opened negotiations in a formal way with the directors of the National Rotary Club, looking toward a real consolidation. This was effected by a unanimous vote of both clubs in November, 1912, and became effective a few weeks after. Some little housecleaning was done on both sides and there emerged a Rotary Club, which for character of membership and true lines of usefulness is not, in the judgment of the writer, exceeded by any similar organization on the globe.

The Los Angeles idea is not primarily the exchange of business. I believe that the Los Angeles idea may be best expressed as the development of real friendship among business and professional men whose friendship is worth while. We have come to know each other intimately and from this friendship there extends every desirable relation which one friend may occupy and should occupy to another. Not one inharmonious note has been heard since our consolidation and we have permitted no mention whatever of any former organization or any reference to the consolidation which took place. Our club stands for the best there is in this splendid community, and I am proud to know that I have three hundred and nine friends who want me to succeed because they like me and believe in me.

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PRESIDENT..... ROGER M. ANDREWS
VICE-PRESIDENT..... CARL E. ROSENBERG
SECRETARY-TREASURER..... H. C. WARDEN
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... DR. E. S. MERRILL

DIRECTORS:

ROGER M. ANDREWS CHARLES H. BURNETT
ERNEST INGOLD J. J. JENKINS
GEORGE L. RALSTON CARL E. ROSENBERG
WM. P. SCHLOSSER WILL STEPHENS
WALTON J. WOOD

Directory No. 13 from which the above list of officers was obtained, was published in August, 1913, and it also contained pictures of the members. It carried the address of the club offices at 506-507 Delta Building, to which the headquarters had been moved shortly after July 1st.

The newly elected officers and directors were installed at a ladies night party held at the Union League Club on June 27th.

Will Stephens, who had held the office of Secretary since the resignation of H. C. Quick late in 1909 or early in 1910, retired from this office, and was succeeded by Herbert C. Warden. The following paragraph was taken from a communication sent by Warden to Chicago, and published in "The Rotarian" of September, 1913.

"Our club sent our retiring secretary, Will Stephens and wife, to Honolulu for a trip that he may recover his health and be back in time to start to Buffalo. The club appreciates the untiring efforts he has put forth in the past three years and the sacrifices he has so nobly made to make Rotary such a success in Los Angeles."

The following is also taken from the same report.

"On Saturday, July 19th, a great deal of interest was aroused when our stag party, over one hundred strong, took a little jaunt on the steamer Yale, to San Diego to meet with the San Diego Rotary Club. Considerable entertainment was furnished by those members who came in costume, notable on the list being our "Hungry Arion Band," our police force and our German comedians. At the last minute as the train was pulling out our secretary refused to accompany the party and was "shanghaied" and placed on the train, and on arrival at the harbor was hand-cuffed and chained on the upper deck of the steamer until the boat pulled away from the dock. We were royally entertained by the San Diego Club with a Dutch lunch Saturday night, a sight-seeing trip Sunday morning and a visit to the famous Coronado hotel and beach in the afternoon and banquet at night, leaving San Diego to arrive in Los Angeles in time for business Monday morning. The whole trip certainly proved a fine opportunity for the members to get together and to become really acquainted, more so than would be possible at many luncheons, as well as giving us a chance to visit our neighbor club to the south.

The talk now is for Buffalo, to which city we hope to send seven delegates that they may tell you about the largest Rotary club in the world, and from which they may bring all of the enthusiasm and Rotarian spirit the other clubs know so well how to give. May this Convention be the means of getting together in new territory other Rotary clubs so needed in every community."

It is interesting to note here that the Los Angeles Club apparently did send a good delegation to the Convention at Buffalo, for they were announced the winner of the attendance trophy.

During this club year all of the clubs on the Pacific Coast were to a limited extent under a Mr. Robert Robertson, Vice-President, Pacific Coast Division, International Association of Rotary Clubs. This was before the present system of districts and district governors was established. In November of 1913 the following letter was received from J. M. Burroughs, Secretary of the Oakland Rotary Club:

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

"At a regular meeting of the Oakland Rotary Club, held at Hotel Oakland on November 6th it was resolved that it would be to the interests of the present Rotary clubs in existence within our State and add to the expansion of the Rotary ideas, and the extension of the co-operative get-together spirit for the benefit of California, if all Rotary Clubs within our State would meet some time in the near future and hold a convention for the purpose of working toward the ends above mentioned. Oakland invites you, and we would ask that you decide upon the length of duration, time and place of such convention.

Hoping that you will take this matter up with your club and write to us your views, and trusting that Oakland may have the pleasure of greeting you sometime in the near future, we are

Sincerely yours,

OAKLAND ROTARY CLUB
J. M. Burroughs,
Secretary

This apparently was the start of the movement which later crystallized into the organization of districts.

The club publication was changed in form, and given the name "Opportunities." It appeared on October 15th, 1913. Edited by the Secretary, it was in pamphlet form, consisting of four pages, printed in plain type on white, unsized paper. Published on Wednesday of each week, it announced on the first page, the place where the meeting would be held and of what the program would consist. Pages two and four carried announcements of various Rotary activities, membership changes, some personal items and correspondence from the International office and other Rotary Clubs, while page three listed opportunities for the members such as, businesses for sale, new businesses opening, loans wanted, etc.

With the sixth issue the paper grew to eight pages, the additional

pages being taken up with advertisements of the businesses of the members. The size of succeeding issues was governed by the amount of material and advertisements available.

Among the most consistent activities reported in "Opportunities" was "Boost Week" for various members, during which all members were to boost the businesses of those selected for each particular week.

Roster No. 13 gives a membership list of 314. It also gives the names and addresses of the secretaries of the seventy-six clubs in the International Association of Rotary Clubs. Glen C. Mead was President of the International Association.

All previous Rosters or "directories" as they were called, carried the emblem designed by H. C. Quick, and described in the early pages of this history. Directory No. 13 carried the Gear Wheel emblem that had been adopted at the Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, held at Duluth in 1912.

After the consolidation of the two local clubs, effective on January 1st, 1913, the membership was so large that it was difficult to find suitable accommodations for the meetings. According to the Los Angeles Evening Herald of June 21st, 1913, the club had been meeting at the Union League Club for six months prior to that date. After that and until December 10th, the meetings were held at the Smith Godfrey Cafeteria at 621 South Hill Street.

The November 12th, 1913, issue of "Opportunities" featured the announcement:

"We are up in the air on our quarters! Come and hear about it."

At the special business meeting of the Club held on October 10th, a committee on luncheon arrangements was appointed, consisting of the following:

J. J. Jenkins, Chairman

Wallace Robb

Hugo Burgwald

W. J. Eisenmayer

J. D. Machomich

In commenting on this, "Opportunities" had this to say:

"The committee appointed will have a difficult task in trying to find the right place. Los Angeles, with its boasted hotel service and conveniences for the tourist or traveler, lacks in one thing—a good meeting place for lunch clubs. Until the committee gets action and makes a decision we may "rotate" under the guidance of the Entertainment Committee, proper announcement being made each week of the time and place of meeting."

Apparently "Rotating" became a habit. Here are the dates and places of meetings during the balance of the club year:

November 10th to December 10th, 1913

Smith Godfrey Cafeteria

621 South Spring Street

December 17th to January 20, 1914	
Brink's Cafe	635 South Spring Street
January 28th to February 27, 1914	
Bristol Cafe	4th & Spring Streets
March 14th to April 21st, 1914	
Hamburgers	Eighth and Broadway
April 28th to June 30th, 1914	
Alexandria Hotel	Fifth & Spring Streets

One meeting (November 22nd, 1913) was held at Universal City. A moving picture, "The Eleventh Hour", was made at the studio on that day, in which the members of Rotary participated. J. Warren Kerrigan was the leading man. On January 27th, 1914, the picture was shown at the Alhambra Theatre on South Hill Street.

Immediately after the meeting of February 13th, 1914, the entire club was taken on a tour of Barker Brothers store, at the invitation of Rotarian L. M. Barker.

In "The Rotarian" of March, 1914, there appeared another communication from H. C. Warden which also described the difficulties of a meeting place for the Los Angeles Club. This article follows:

"The most serious matter which has ever confronted the Rotary Club of Los Angeles is the matter of quarters. In the last eighteen months we have tried out seven different places, each of which has in some particular been unsatisfactory. We are doing the best we can with a meeting place that is inadequate for the attendance which we have, but our host, who is a Rotarian, is working hard to please.

Our latest prospective program is to turn the meeting over to various classes of business on different days; for instance, a "Building Day" for the architects, material men, etc.; an "Educational Day" for the schools, colleges; an "Office Men's Day" for the accountants, the office supply men and various office special supply men; a "Personal Welfare Day" for the insurance men, doctors, dentists, etc.; "Sanitation Day" for the laundries, cleaners and disinfectant agents, etc., and so on down the list from Advertising Day down to Woman's Day. We had several meetings of this nature during the summer and found they were well attended and very interesting to the various members.

Our club grows steadily in spite of the fact that occasionally we must drop a few because they are not good Rotarians."

The Round Table had its start during this year. In the October 22nd, 1913, number of "Opportunities" there appeared the following paragraph:

"What do you think of a 'Round Table for Rotarians' where you can meet a few of your fellow members every day? Some of the boys are starting this idea today at the Bristol Cafe. Rotarian Wm. Schneider is setting aside one table where our members may be served daily (except Friday). This is a chance for you to meet your friends and possibly transact some little business at the same time on other than "Rotary days".

In later issues we find paragraphs urging members to attend the Round Table, and occasional reports of attendance.

THE GOOD FELLOWS

For some years it had been the custom of the Los Angeles Post office to turn over to Al Malaikah Shrine all of the letters received that were addressed to Santa Claus. In 1913 the Shriners received an unusually high number of these letters, while the funds available for Christmas charity work were very much less. President Roger Andrews, also a Shriner, conceived the idea that the best way to render assistance was for a large number of individuals to each take one letter and attend to it personally by playing individual Santa Claus to a family.

After some discussion of his ideas he appointed a committee consisting of himself as Chairman, and the following members of the Club:

W. R. Kilgore

H. C. Warden

C. H. Burnett

Fred E. Golding

A plan was formulated by the Committee to enlist the services of other clubs to join in an organization to be known as the "Good Fellows," with the individual Santa Claus idea as the central feature of the work. The clubs responding to the Rotary Club's invitation and becoming a part of the Good Fellows movement were:

Los Angeles Advertising Club

Los Angeles Athletic Club

Bankers Club

California Club

Los Angeles Credit Men's Association

German American Alliance

Jonathan Club

Press Club

Los Angeles Realty Board

Sierra Madre Club

Traffic Club

Union League Club

University Club

Supplementing the original idea of Good Fellows playing individual Santa Claus, it was decided to establish a depot where contributions of clothing, food, miscellaneous merchandise, toys, etc., could be sent as donations and from where such items could be distributed to the needy.

The plans were made known to the membership of the various clubs through circulars and to the public through the press. The response was

very gratifying and in a very short time twenty-five hundred people had joined in the Good Fellows movement. Many of these offered to play individual Santa Claus to a family, others made donations of cash, merchandise or clothing, and others offered the use of automobiles or trucks, as well as their own personal services. Many of the latter acted as investigators of worthy cases, after the Shriners investigating bureau became swamped with more cases than they could handle.

Setting up headquarters in the Delta Building, in space donated by the owners of the building, the committee and their organizations were soon in the midst of what seemed a Herculean task. On the one side they were flooded with requests for assistance and on the other they were busy tabulating and acknowledging contributions, and arranging for distribution. The nearer Christmas approached, the heavier grew the work, and to the credit of the committee and their assistants, no worthy cases referred to them failed to receive some form of Christmas cheer.

As to the results of the Good Fellows movement, we quote here, several excerpts from the committee's final report:

"A Mr. A. M. Dunn, a member of the City Club, with funds supplied by his employees, and liberally supplemented by himself, played individual Santa Claus to twelve families, aggregating more than ninety persons. In one case this Prince of Good Fellows drove his car 28 miles over the desert to carry relief to a Spanish War Veteran whose family was absolutely destitute of food and clothing. He also laid their case before the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce who promised to give them further aid."

"In another case, Mr. A. F. Borden, an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club, to whom a large family was assigned, actually played Santa Claus in the original manner, visiting the home of his proteges at 4 o'clock on Christmas morning, provided with a tree and well-filled pack, with which he prepared a surprise for those happy youngsters that they will remember as long as they live."

". . . When poor ragged people came to headquarters, they were given food and clothing and investigated afterward, and if this was all they asked for they were not investigated at all. The Good Fellows believed it was better to bestow a loaf of bread and a suit of castoff clothing than to run the risk of turning suffering people away at Christmastime.

In the same spirit we gave out 1,500 meal tickets and 500 tickets for lodgings and some old clothes to poor "floaters" who doubtless had themselves to blame but who none-the-less were in need of food and shelter."

"The Good Fellows had the able assistance of Dr. Walter Reeves of the University Club, for free medical and surgical services. Mr. Lee Riddle of the Rotary Club donated free legal advice and services, and Oswald Granicher, also of the Rotary Club, furnished free glasses to many aged persons who were greatly in need of them."

It was impossible to accurately account for all of the money spent by the Good Fellows, as none of those who played individual Santa Claus rendered a statement covering his activities. It was estimated, however, that on this phase of the work at least \$10,000 was spent. The known

value of the goods distributed by the Committee, and placing a very moderate valuation on the second-hand clothing and other articles donated, reached a total valuation of \$30,000.00, dispensed at an expense of only \$660.00, or a little more than two percent.

Following is a list of material distributed from the storeroom:

- 8,000 pieces of wearing apparel
- 2,000 pairs of shoes
- 20 pairs of blankets
- 20 mattresses, beds and cots
- 20 stoves
- 200 sacks of wood
- 10 tons of groceries and provisions
- 605 toys
- 500 miscellaneous articles

In the Los Angeles Tribune of January 3rd, 1914, there appeared a three column article. It stated in part:

**FULL REPORT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER SPREAD WIDECAST
THROUGHOUT CITY IS HEARD BY CLUB MEMBERS**

"With swelling hearts and moistening eyes more than 200 members of the Rotary Club listened yesterday noon at Brink's cafe to a complete report of good deeds done by the Good Fellows during the Christmas holidays. It was a report that made the Rotarians justly proud, too, for it was their club which had invited the other clubs of the city to join in forming the organization known as the Good Fellows, which with splendid generosity, unselfishness and hard work succeeded in gladdening the hearts of several thousand unfortunate people at Yuletide.

"As a token of appreciation to their President, who had been a leader in the good work, the Rotarians presented Roger M. Andrews a handsome horseshoe of flowers and wished him "good luck" for the New Year in his new field with the Germania newspaper. There were brief speeches made by Rotarians, among them Charles H. Burnett, Max E. Socha, H. C. Warden, Fred E. Golding, Howley Turner, Messrs. Lyons and Reeves, C. H. Leland, Herbert Lasiter and others.

"Two women, Mrs. Warden and Miss Glidden, whose devoted efforts in the work were notable, were formally presented to the club and cheered by all.

"The report was the feature of the meeting and to it the Rotarians paid close attention, for it told them just what had been accomplished by their united efforts, and this no one of them knew before, as each had been too busy with his own personal Good Fellows work to know what the others had done.

"The committee consisted of Roger M. Andrews, Chairman, R. C. Warden, Secretary, Fred E. Golding, W. P. Kilgore and C. H. Burnett".

Accompanying the article was a large four column group picture of Roger Andrews, Harry Wisebaum, Max Socha, and Prof. Karl A. Muhlenfeld.

Another item of interest that would in these later years be classified under community service, was that the Club purchased a "Childrens' Home Bond". This covered one boy who was later adopted by one of the club members.

THE GOLDEN WHEEL

In February, 1914, Rotarian Fred E. Golding, a very enthusiastic member of the Los Angeles Club, conceived the idea of a gold Rotary wheel to be constructed at the expense of the seven Rotary Clubs then in existence in California and was to be sent on a tour of all the clubs in the International Association with the threefold purpose of spreading Rotary friendship, boosting the State of California, and encouraging attendance at the San Diego and San Francisco Expositions to be held in 1915. He submitted his idea to President Roger Andrews, who became quite enthusiastic over it, and who later submitted it to the Board of Directors of the Club. Having secured the approval of this body, approval was then voted by the membership. A Golden Wheel Committee, headed by Fred Golding, was then appointed, after which plans were formulated for the raising of the necessary funds, and for the production of the wheel.

The design of the Wheel was made by Bissari Brothers. It was to be about fourteen inches in diameter and provided for gear teeth on the inside rim of the wheel as well as the outside. Meshed into the gear teeth on the inside of the rim, and between the spokes of the wheel were seven smaller Rotary wheels, each carrying the name of the California City whose club would contribute to the cost of the wheel. Space was also provided for the hanging of smaller wheels carrying the names of various clubs that would have the custody of the wheel during its travels.

It was estimated that the cost of the wheel and the plans for its travel would run to \$10,000.00, which was apportioned as follows:

Los Angeles	\$3,100.00
San Francisco	2,000.00
Oakland	2,000.00
San Diego	1,000.00
Sacramento	900.00
Stockton	750.00
San Jose	250.00

On Thursday, March 26th, 1914, The Golden Wheel Committee consisting of Fred Golding, Herb Warden, Irving Turk and H. H. Francisco visited the Rotary Club of San Diego to sell the plan to that Club. We quote here from Chairman Golding's report of that meeting.

"Our star orator (Roger Andrews) unloosed his twelve inch guns and with that magnificent voice of his, had the San Diego boys cheering or crying as he

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wished. It is unnecessary to state that they agreed to raise their portion of the amount required. We were encouraged by receiving the hearty endorsement of the San Diego Fair officials and an offer by them to give us the equivalent of \$3,500.00, which offer was refused with thanks, as it was thought best to raise the money through the Rotarians themselves."

On March 31st, Fred Golding, Roger Andrews and Bill Kilgore visited the Rotary Club of San Francisco where the proposition was again presented by Roger and within three minutes after his speech was concluded the San Francisco Club raised \$1,200.00 among the members present and the balance of the \$2,000.00 allotted as their share of the fund was raised in a few days afterwards.

The following day, April 1st, the same delegation visited the Rotary Club of Stockton where they were enthusiastically received, and the money requested was promised. On April 2nd it was presented to the meeting of "Around the State Rotarians" at Oakland. The Oakland Club subscribed to the amount asked from them, and at the same meeting, the newly organized club of San Jose agreed to send in \$250.00.

At the Thursday evening banquet of the "Around the State Rotarians," held at San Francisco, the "Golden Wheel" idea was received with great ovation and speakers of the evening dwelt at length on the possibilities of the wonderful benefits to California, and all Rotary Clubs, that would ensue.

After the visit of the Los Angeles delegation, and their presentation of the "Golden Wheel" idea, San Francisco "Grindings" had this to say:

"In particular should Los Angeles be praised; first, for the plan of the 'Golden Wheel'; next for the energy and enthusiasm to start it; last for the time and energy and money they spent in coming up here to present it to us."

The financing now seemingly assured, Feagans & Company, Jewelers, were commissioned to construct the wheel. It was completed in time for the Convention of the International Association to be held at Houston, Texas, in the latter part of June.

It was originally intended that Roger Andrews, as President of the Los Angeles Club, should personally visit the Clubs of the United States and present the wheel, together with California's invitation to the world in 1915. This plan was published in The Rotarian magazine for June, 1914, but because of the time element involved the plan had to be changed. On June 8th, 1913, Fred Golding wrote the Presidents of all Rotary Clubs in America as follows:

"If you have not already observed the account of the 'Golden Wheel' on Page 60 of the last issue of the Rotarian, I would like to call your attention to same.

"For various reasons the original plan of sending California's invitation to the world to visit her in 1915, typified by the Gold Wheel of Rotary, has been modified.

THE GOLDEN WHEEL

The men selected to present the wheel and deliver California's invitation in person to all clubs in the International Association have been unable to spare the time necessary (about seven months) to consummate that most desirable object.

However, the seven California Clubs who in all unselfishness, patriotism and with true Rotary spirit combined to send forth to the Rotarians of the world this most beautiful invitation, have now decided to materially increase their representation at the Houston Convention and form a guard of honor to present the Wheel to the International Convention. The Wheel to become the permanent property of the Association and to have a place of honor in the headquarters at Chicago until the San Francisco Fair.

During the eight months preceding the opening of the World Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego, it is my hope and most earnest wish as originator of the Golden Wheel that all members of every club in the jurisdiction will have the opportunity to see and appreciate this Golden invitation.

Get-together State meetings could have the Wheel presented by some officer of the Association or could form delegations to pass the Wheel with appropriate ceremonies and felicitations.

The Wheel itself is typical of Rotary, being a most beautiful example of the jewelers art. It has been so made that not only does it carry out the patriotic love of my native state, California, but is typical of the generous broadminded spirit of Rotary, for all clubs have gold wheels gearing in and becoming a part of the whole.

The success of the Exposition at San Francisco, celebrating the completion of the Panama Canal, is as much your concern as it is California's, for it is a World Exposition.

This Golden Wheel was conceived in a most generous spirit and typical of my native state, California. It is my most earnest desire that it will be the means of further solidifying the magnificent Rotary movement and bring out the best and noblest efforts of all true Rotarians.

If you are not attending the Convention, I would ask you to pass this letter to a fellow member who will attend, so that he will have time to prepare any suggestions to further this most worthy object 'The Golden Wheel of Rotary.'

I love to serve in a Rotary way and am at your service and hope to personally meet you at Houston. I enclose you a 'Rotary Day' and hope that you will answer this letter in the same spirit. I would appreciate a reply, reaching Los Angeles before the 19th as upon that day we leave for the Convention.

Yours truly,

(Signed) FRED E. GOLDING
Chairman, Wheel Committee"

On June 19th, a delegation of nine from the Los Angeles club, with the Golden Wheel in their possession, entrained for Houston. The Wheel was presented to the International Association during the Convention by Roger Andrews, in his usual masterful style. He explained that the purpose of the Wheel was to spread Rotary friendship and that it was California's invitation to the Rotary world to visit the two Expositions to be held in San Diego and San Francisco in 1915 in celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal.

At the close of the Convention the Golden Wheel was started on its way. It was passed from one club to another by a visiting delegation of the club holding it, and during the time it was held by each club, it was exhibited in the window of the leading jeweler of the city before being

taken on to the next. Usually the presentation of the Wheel by one club to another was the occasion of an intercity meeting. Some of these meetings were participated in by groups of clubs.

All presentations were occasions for a considerable amount of newspaper publicity for Rotary, the State of California and the coming expositions at San Diego and San Francisco. Clippings from newspapers all over the United States and Canada were collected and, with the Golden Wheel, were exhibited in San Francisco during the Convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs held in that city in 1915. Two large store rooms, fronting on one of the city's main business streets, were necessary in displaying all the newspaper clippings collected.

From the time the Golden Wheel started on its journey until it found its resting place at the headquarters of the National Association in Chicago, it had traveled many thousands of miles and it was the cause of much valuable publicity for Rotary. Quite a legend had been built up about the Wheel which was played up by the newspapers, some placing its value as high as \$50,000.00.

The Wheel actually was gold plated and the fund subscribed by the California clubs was for the purpose of sending a delegation to the Houston Convention, as well as for the construction of the Wheel.

In September, 1915, President Charles C. Moore of the Panama Pacific International Exposition wrote the International Association of Rotary Clubs at Chicago, as follows:

"On behalf of the directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition I desire to express appreciation and thanks for the almost inestimable value of the services rendered to the Exposition by your Association in connection with the tour of the Golden Wheel. This idea, itself highly characteristic of the original and effective methods of your association and membership, resulted in bringing the Exposition to the direct attention, not alone of Rotarians everywhere, but also to millions of other persons, through the newspaper publicity related thereto. This service was rendered us at a time when we needed it most, and it undoubtedly contributed largely to the present splendid success of the Exposition."

Item from the
Los Angeles Evening Herald
June 21, 1913

"At the weekly luncheon of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, President Roger M. Andrews' efficient service was recognized by the Club, which unanimously elected him to that position for another year. All the conditions of a regular election were dispensed with, and the 250 Rotarians, by rising, voted three cheers and a tiger for their President and elected him for the coming year.

The various departments of the Club have manifested great activity during the past year. Unusual attention has been directed by the Club toward charities. One of the most important things consummated by the Rotary Club was the great Home Products league, cemented together their boost spirit and encouraged the policy of boosting for home products. The Rotary Club during the past six

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months has weekly convened at the Union League Building with an attendance of 250.

Carl Rosenberg was elected Vice-President. The office of Treasurer and Secretary has not yet been filled. The Board of Directors are J. J. Jenkins, C. H. Burnett, George L. Ralston, Walton J. Wood, W. P. Schlosser and Ernest L. Ingold."

(A picture of Andrews accompanied the article)

Item from the Los Angeles Express

Saturday, August 23, 1913

"Roger M. Andrews, President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club and who recently was named as a director of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, is enroute to Honolulu, Hawaii. He has not fixed the date of his return to Los Angeles, and he does not expect to come home until he has recuperated sufficiently to assume the arduous duties which he is required to perform in his daily work.

Many members of the Club were at the Salt Lake railroad station yesterday afternoon to bid Mr. Andrews farewell and to express the wish that he have the most enjoyable trip of his life.

As President of the Rotary Club, Mr. Andrews has built up the membership until it has become known as one of the most active and energetic organizations in the city.

From Los Angeles Mr. Andrews went to San Francisco from which city he will sail for the Hawaiian Islands."

(A picture of Andrews accompanied this article)

1914-1915

PRESIDENT.....	ROGER M. ANDREWS
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	WILL STEPHENS
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	H. C. WARDEN
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	AUGUSTO BISSIRI
DEPUTY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	E. F. TWOMEY

DIRECTORS:

GEORGE L. RALSTON	J. J. JENKINS
CARL E. ROSENBERG	WM. P. SCHLOSSER
ROY C. SEELEY	LEE RIDDLE
H. H. FRANCISCO	

Roster Number fourteen was published in July, 1914. Included within its pages was the revised Constitution and By-laws that had been adopted by the club at the regular meeting of May 8th, 1914. The objects

incorporated into the constitution were quite different from those published in the earlier rosters, and are quoted herewith:

OBJECTS

To promote the recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations, and to dignify each member's occupation as affording him an opportunity to serve society.

To encourage high ethical standards in business and professions.

To increase the efficiency of each member by the exchange of ideas and business methods.

To promote the scientizing of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and an aid to success.

The advancement of the business interests of Los Angeles and spreading the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens and co-operation with others in civic development.

The adoption by the membership of the new constitution and By-laws gives May 8th, 1914, as the date on which the club officially departed from the "cash register" days, and henceforth operated as a service organization. Some time elapsed however, before some of the members could entirely forget the objects under which the club had operated since the date of its founding.

During this Rotary year, the Los Angeles Club made plans for the entertainment of many visiting Rotarians expected to stop over in Los Angeles enroute to and from visits to the Expositions to be held at San Francisco and San Diego during the summer of 1915.

At the end of this administration, President Roger Andrews refused to permit his name to be placed in nomination for another term in office, and had made plans to move his residence to another city. He was presented with a very beautiful diamond ring, through the gift of which the membership expressed their appreciation for the fine leadership he had given the Club, and the affection he had gained from all of the members.

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PRESIDENT.....SYLVESTER L. WEAVER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....ROY C. SEELEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....H. C. WARDEN
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LEO S. CHANDLER JOHN S. MITCHELL
WILLIAM P. SCHLOSSER WILL STEPHENS
NORTON C. WELLS

Roster No. 15, dated July, 1915, states that meetings are held every Friday at 12 o'clock noon at the Alexandria Hotel, and that the Club headquarters were located at 301 Delta Building, 426 South Spring Street. It lists 272 members.

Sylvester Weaver was inducted into office when Roger Andrews had completed his third team as President.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs was scheduled to be held in San Francisco during this year, and realizing that many Rotarian visitors would come to Los Angeles, either before or after the Convention and enroute between the Exposition at San Francisco and the one at San Diego, President Weaver began making plans for their reception and entertainment, soon after he took office. He appointed a large committee for this purpose, of which he was also an active member. Headquarters were established in the old Hollenbeck Hotel at Second and Spring Streets, at which members of the Los Angeles club and some of their wives were in attendance during that period. This activity lasted from July 15 to July 30th.

The Committee also scheduled daily automobile rides to different points of interest around the city, the cars being donated and driven by the members. During this period, President Weaver held a luncheon at the Los Angeles Athletic Club at which he entertained approximately fifty Presidents of Rotary Clubs from widely scattered sections.

That these efforts all added to the pleasure of those in attendance at the San Francisco Convention was proven by the receipt of many letters by the Club and by President Weaver, long after the meeting was over. The hospitality of California was widely talked about in Rotary circles.

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President Weaver led the largest delegation of any Rotary Club present at San Francisco and was one of the scheduled speakers on the Convention program. His subject was on the vocational side of Rotary and what Rotary could do for the furtherance of ethics in business. His talk was so well received that when his speaking time had expired, he was voted additional time from the floor so that he could conclude his message.

The Convention was a very constructive one, during which Rotary leaders sought to further advance the idea of service, and the submergence of the selfishness of the early organizational period. President Weaver lent his support and assistance to these efforts. The most important accomplishment in this respect was the adoption by vote on the floor of the Convention of the first Rotary Code of Ethics. For their interest, and because of their influence on the future of the Los Angeles Club, they are reproduced herewith in full.

FIRST: To consider my vocation worthy, and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.

SECOND: To improve myself, increase my efficiency, and enlarge my service, and by so doing attest my faith in the fundamental principles of Rotary, that he profits most who serves best.

THIRD: To realize that I am a business man and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first, an ethical man, and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.

FOURTH: To hold that the exchange of my goods, my service, and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties in the exchange are benefited thereby,

FIFTH: To use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so to conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profitable, and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.

SIXTH: To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when in doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt or obligation.

SEVENTH: To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a business man is his friends, and that any advantage gained by reason of friendship is eminently ethical and proper.

EIGHTH: To hold that true friends demand nothing of one another and that any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.

NINTH: To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical, which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.

TENTH: To be not more obligated to a Brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition, but in its cooperation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that human rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs, but are as deep and as broad as all the race itself; and for these high purposes does Rotary exist to educate all men and all institutions.

ELEVENTH: Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO UNTO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO UNTO THEM, we contend that society best holds together when equal opportunity is accorded all men in the natural resources of this planet.

It was also at this Convention that the system of regional Vice-Presidents was discontinued, and the method of administration of districts by District Governors adopted. All of California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and the Hawaiian Islands were included in what was then known as District No. 13.

A resolution recommending the change in the fiscal year of all associated clubs to run from June 1st to May 31st was passed at this meeting. This change was adopted by the Los Angeles Club by vote of its membership on October 8th.

With the end of the Convention and the subsequent departure of Rotary visitors, the Rotary Club of Los Angeles returned to its routine of weekly meetings. The adoption of the Code of Ethics at the Convention strengthened the desires of the more altruistic members toward the end of the cash register days. There was a considerable amount of opposition to this proposal however, as there were many who felt that because of the Club having been organized on the basis of exchange of business, that it should continue to follow that principle. This situation resulted in quite a strong division of opinions, which made the task of President Weaver quite difficult at times. He was severely criticized by one group, while praised by the other. The course he wisely steered for the Club carried it through this most difficult period.

We quote herewith two paragraphs of a letter received by the President from one of the members:

"And it is with this thought in mind that I want my remarks to be just as frank and emphatic to you and the membership, that immediate action be taken and get down to brass tacks, playing the game of Rotary as it was originally intended, until the lime-light artists took hold and changed a business organization into an oratorical society.

The sweetest tune played at a Rotary meeting and tunes that are most beneficial or adaptable to the musical education of most business men are played on the Cash Registers."

The letter from which the two paragraphs were taken was written by Carl E. Rosenberg, who was later elected President of the Club, and who, in spite of the above, became one of the most ardent exponents of the ideals of service in Rotary, and against the cash register plan.

As late as December 15th, 1915, one of the members spoke for a few minutes at the regular meeting during which he complained that during 1915 over sixty Rotarians had been favored with business from his firm, while only one sale had been made to a Rotarian during that time. However, in spite of incidents like the above, the cash register principle continued to lose ground and the idea of service in Rotary gained.

President Weaver never lost an opportunity to bring out to the membership that a Rotarian was considered as a representative of his craft, and that it was an obligation on the part of each member to carry back to his craft the ideal of Service Above Self.

On Friday, October 27th, 1915, President Weaver proposed an amendment to the By-laws which would prohibit any president succeeding himself in office. The amendment was voted by the Club, and this law has carried through to the present time.

On May 5th, 1916, the Club voted a change in the By-laws which provided for the election of directors to serve for a term of two years, four to be elected one year and three the year following. This system is still continued. The same resolution provided for the nomination of officers and directors two weeks prior to June 1st, and the election one week prior to the same date.

The administration started with 272 members and there were 267 names listed in the roster dated April, 1916. The meetings were held at the Alexandria Hotel with only an occasional variation.

Many prominent men appeared before the Club, including William Jennings Bryan, who spoke at the meeting of July 21, 1915. Mr. Bryan was introduced by Governor Walsh of Massachusetts.

Thomas Lee Woolwine, famous fighting District Attorney of Los Angeles County was the guest speaker on June 7th.

Dr. Wood Huchison, M.D., spoke on July 30th, and the famous minstrel, George H. Primrose, made a talk on August 6th.

On November 12th, 1915, the Club was visited by the President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, Mr. Allen D. Albert.

The year which Syl Weaver spent as President of the Los Angeles Club was a very active one, and the work done by him was very constructive for Rotary. In addition to his talk before the Convention at San Francisco, he addressed the first District Conference at Fresno on the subject of "Rotary Clubs for smaller cities." As the leader of Rotary in Los Angeles, he spoke to many various groups, and at the close of the Exposition in San Diego, he was appointed chairman of a committee to raise \$150,000.00 among Los Angeles business men for the purpose of financing the operation of the Exposition for a second year. The committee secured the necessary funds, and Weaver was elected a Vice-President and director of the Exposition.

In later years, he was elected to the Presidency of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, giving that body an outstanding administration. He was one of the many Los Angeles Rotarians to be elected to that high office, among whom was John S. Mitchell, of the old Hollenbeck Hotel, who at the time of his election was a director of the Rotary Club during the administration of Syl Weaver.

Although some of the members differed with Weaver as to the objects set for Rotary he was held in high esteem by all. The change advocated by him was not completed during his term of office, but a substantial start had been made, and the following year the transformation was more complete. On his retirement from the Presidency, he was presented with a set of silver service and one of the members, who earlier had complained of not receiving enough business from Rotarians, presented for the vote of the membership, the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

The ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES at their annual meeting Friday, June 2nd, 1916, passed the following resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, during the past year our retiring President, Sylvester L. Weaver, has served the Rotary Club of Los Angeles as its Chief Executive Officer, with untiring devotion and self sacrifice, striving ever on behalf of the Club to establish and maintain business ideals that are both elevating and practical, and

WHEREAS, through his faithful cultivation of the latent ability of the rank and file of the members, assisted by the hearty cooperation of the Board of Directors, he has produced an organization efficiency unsurpassed in the Club's history, and

WHEREAS, by his conspicuous service in public enterprises, he has added prestige to the office of President and to the Club itself.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we, the members of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, do hereby express our hearty and lasting appreciation of all his valued services, and further that an embossed copy of these resolutions be presented to him as a permanent reminder of our gratitude and friendship.

1916-1917

PRESIDENT.....	CLINTON E. MILLER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	HARRY B. TUTTLE
SECRETARY.....	H. C. WARDEN
TREASURER.....	CARL E. ROSENBERG
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	W. R. KILGORE

DIRECTORS:

L. M. BARKER	HUGO M. BURGWARD
EDW. E. CRAWFORD	ROBERT HUCHISON
F. B. McCROSKEY	R. R. THOMAS
W. J. THOMAS	

This administration took office on June 2nd, 1916. The following month, President Miller and Secretary Warden journeyed to Cincinnati, where the seventh annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs was held from July 17 to the 21st. While there, they were joined by several other members of the Los Angeles Club, including Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, who delivered an address to the Convention.

During the Convention, President Miller gave a banquet to the Pacific Coast Rotarians in attendance, which may have been the forerunner of the California dinners which have been a feature at the International Conventions for many years.

It was at this Convention that Arch C. Klumph of Cleveland was elected President of the International Association. It was announced that there were then 249 Rotary Clubs as of June 19th, with a total membership of 26,829.

Although the official meeting place of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles during this year was the Alexandria Hotel, Paul Harris' original idea of rotating seemed to have been followed to a great extent. President Miller's first meeting after returning from the Convention was held at the Los Angeles Business College at 327 West Eighth Street. The meeting July 7th was at the plant of the Los Angeles Ice & Cold Storage Co. That of July 28th was at Bimini Hot Springs. On August 11th, the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company entertained the Club at their place of business on Minosa Street, and on August 25th the Western Wholesale Drug Company acted as host at Second and Los Angeles Streets. On

May 11th, and May 18th, 1917, the meetings were held at the Broadway Department Store.

Rotary "Opportunities" of November 15th announced the appointment of a new committee to be known as the Business Counsel and Efficiency Committee. It was headed by Carl E. Rosenberg as chairman.

From the time the Los Angeles Club had been organized, the secretary-treasurer, although a member of the Club, was paid for his services, and was considered a permanent employee. In December or January of Miller's administration a change was made, and the Club decided to have an honorary secretary to head up the functions of that office. President Miller appointed Carl E. Rosenberg to that position, and the title of Assistant Secretary was assigned to cover the duties heretofore performed by H. C. Warden, but now taken over by O. D. Maynard.

One of the first official acts performed by Rosenberg was to change the name and style of the weekly publication. "Opportunities," a name too closely allied with the cash register theme, was shortly discontinued, and what is now the weekly Rodeo, came into existence. This first appeared as a monthly booklet approximately five by seven inches, and in it was included the roster of the members. Although it was supplemented by a weekly circular announcing the programs, the reports of the meetings and activities were published in the monthly. Carl E. Rosenberg gave the new publication its name, which it still bears. (1943)

Sometime between December 27th, 1916 and February 9th, 1917, the club offices were moved from 301-2 Delta Building to 825-831 Citizens National Bank Building.

Among the distinguished guest speakers during Clint Miller's administration, was Governor William D. Stevens of California, who appeared at the meeting of November 22nd, 1916; Dr. Edward Amherst Ott, and William Jennings Bryan, an honorary member of the Lincoln, Nebraska Club.

On April 17th, 18th and 19th, the Rotary Club of Los Angeles was host to the second annual conference of District thirteen. The District Governor presiding was Homer W. Sumption of San Diego; the sessions were held at Temple Auditorium.

Speakers at the conference included Clinton E. Miller, J. Whitcomb Brougher, Carl E. Rosenberg, and International Vice-President E. Leslie Pidgeon of Winnipeg, Canada. Sylvester L. Weaver was toastmaster at the evening banquet.

Fred Golding's report to the Rotarian magazine stated that there were over four hundred visiting Rotarians in attendance at the conference.

On June 1st, 1917, the meeting at which Clint Miller gave his report as retiring President, Leo Chandler, chairman of the "Flying Wedge Committee" on Liberty Bonds, reported that his Committee had secured subscriptions for bonds amounting to \$61,300.00.

In order to emphasize the change in the objects of Rotary, and because it portrays the attitude expressed by Miller at the close of his administration, we are repeating here portions of the address made by him in his last meeting as President:

"When I became your president a year ago I frankly confess that I was not a very good Rotarian for the principal reason that I was not fully conscious of the purposes of Rotary. Probably I knew as much as the average member, but as I look back upon it that was a very meager knowledge. It may be that a year ago nobody knew as much about Rotary as he knows today—the purposes of the organization were not then as clearly defined and standardized as they now are or as they will be in another year. I am inclined to think this is so. Of one thing I am very certain and that is that there was a time when I did not care to advertise that I belonged to the Rotary Club, whereas today there is no one thing with which I am affiliated of which I am more proud.

So then at the beginning of my administration the thing that struck me as the most important was to get onto my job. I was somewhat like this country two months ago—unprepared. I went back to the Rotary Convention at Cincinnati determined to listen and learn. Ever since then I have been thinking, reading and experimenting in an effort to grasp the true meaning of this movement that is recognized by non-members as well as its members as the biggest young thing in America today. Do you recall the statement of Wm. Jennings Bryan made in this room four weeks ago that he considered the Rotary Club the most useful organization in America today? Many of us question his judgement but I believe few if any of us question his power of analysis and his sincerity.

I feel it my duty therefore to give you as best I may one of the conclusions I have arrived at in my study and investigations of the purposes of Rotary. Space will permit of the discussion of but one phase of the subject. I want to state as emphatically as I can that a Rotary Club is not a mutual protective organization—not a jackpot where a man enters with \$25.00 and sweetens it \$2.00 per month in the hope that he will take out more than he puts in. That's a selfish game and any organization of men founded for a purely selfish purpose will not endure for long. History proves that statement. Do you recall the vast number of political machines that were founded for the personal aggrandizement of their attaches? They flourished for a day and then were gone while their brilliant brained leaders died in the penitentiary. Eventually the Rotary Club that develops will enjoy about the same reputation in a community as the I. W. W. Eventually the most successful business men in the club will get out because they will find the balance of trade against them.

On the contrary, the activities of a group of men, each of whom is a leader, must be productive of great good if such activities represent unselfish service, because that will cause growth of character, which is the one thing that is needed to be coupled with ability in order to produce real greatness."

At this meeting, a very fine Victrola was presented to Miller by Dr. Traugher, on behalf of the membership.

Among other accomplishments of President Miller's administration, was the steering of the Club more and more to the ideal of "Service above Self" and it appears that it was during his year in office that the change away from the cash register, started during the administration of Sylvester Weaver, was completed.

Harry B. Tuttle, Vice-President under Miller, has said of him that he was a good leader, an excellent speaker and presiding officer, and that his administration was harmonious. The year following his administration, he was elected District Governor of the 13th District, without having been present at the conference. There were 267 members in the Club when he took office and 257 when he retired.

1917-1918

PRESIDENT.....	CARL E. ROSENBERG
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	HUGO M. BURGWARD
SECRETARY.....	E. E. CRAWFORD
SECRETARY.....	CHARLES E. BENT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....	O. D. MAYNARD
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....	EARL R. OBERN
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	VAN COURT WARREN

DIRECTORS:

A. SIDNEY JONES	WILL FORKER
ELLIOT WYMAN	W. J. THOMAS
R. R. THOMAS	L. M. BARKER

WILL CURREN

Assuming office on June 1st, 1917, at the regular luncheon meeting at the Alexandria Hotel, President Rosenberg in his opening remarks, paid tribute to the work of retiring President Miller, and pledged himself to follow a policy of leadership in the new ideals of Rotary which were expressed simply in the slogan "Service above Self". In his selection of men for the various committee assignments, he stated his thoughts

had been for the best interests of Rotary and its teachings as expressed in the code of ethics. During the year he hoped to see an expansion of the services that the club and its members could render, not only in the members' vocations, but to the community and for the nation as well.

With the country involved in World War I, no activities were more urgent than those supporting the American Red Cross and the Nation's campaign for the sale of Liberty Bonds.

As Chairman of the Red Cross Committee, President Carl selected his Vice-President, Hugo M. Burgwald, who, with his fellow workers brought much credit to the Club in the subscriptions they obtained from both within the organization and in that section of the city assigned to them. In addition to the subscriptions obtained, the Committee also was fortunate in raising the necessary funds for twenty fully equipped automobiles for American field ambulance service.

Leo Chandler was selected as chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, and the good work done by his committee put Rotary among the leading organizations in the city weighed in the amount of bonds sold. Although not an officer or director of the Club during this year, his accomplishments brought him the honor of being elected President of the Club the following year.

Among other community service activities engaged in during the year, were the placing of milk bottles in hotels, stores, and cigar stands, for the gathering of pennies for the starving Belgians. Several thousand dollars was raised by this method.

This year inaugurated a display of interest in the work of the Y.M.C.A. This interest later developed into a regular activity of the Club, and it is still maintained.

There were several changes in the official family during Rosenberg's year as President. E. E. Crawford, Secretary, was moved by his company to Oakland, and the unexpired portion of his term of office was filled by Charles E. Bent. R. R. Thomas resigned as director and was replaced by Will Currer. O. D. Maynard, assistant secretary was replaced by Earl R. Obern.

On September 7th, 1917, the guest speaker was Billy Sunday, famed ball player evangelist.

On January 15th, Harry Lauder, saddened by the loss of his only son, recently killed in battle in France, appeared as the guest of honor.

THE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE OF LOS ANGELES

The club luncheons were held at the Alexandria Hotel until December 21st, 1917, after which the meeting place was changed to Christopher's Banquet Hall at 739 South Broadway.

It is interesting to note that the Club files contain complete records of the activities for the club year, and these are the earliest records in existence, with the exception of the bound volumes of "Rotary Opportunities". This publication does not describe Rotary activities to any great extent; its pages being devoted principally to advertising, with some personal items, an occasional message from the President, and a constant appeal for better attendance.

The new regime kept minutes of the weekly meetings, which were signed by the Secretary, and described the salient points of each meeting. We give herewith an interesting quotation from one of the pages, selected at random: (July 20th, 1917)

"Thanks to Rotarian H. D. Ivey for the cigars that were passed at the luncheon a few weeks ago, in honor of his marriage.

"Meeting adjourned at 1:40."

"Attendance:

Members	105	Fines at Luncheon	.25
Visiting Rotarians	4	Fines from Atlanta Delegates	2.00
Guests with members	10	Total Collected	\$2.25
Total	119		

On April 1st, announcement was made that the Board of Directors had increased the initiation fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

THE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT HOUSE OF LOS ANGELES

The Community Settlement House Association was organized in May, 1912, and incorporated in October, 1913, as the Coleman House Settlement Association. As such, it continued to operate until November 1916, when the name was changed to the Los Angeles Settlement House Association. Later it was found that this name was not available as there existed at that time, a Los Angeles Settlement House Association, duly incorporated in California. Therefore, for a time the name remained the "Coleman House Settlement Association", when it was finally changed to the "Community Settlement House Association". It was generally known and spoken of by all familiar with it as "The Settlement House."

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

This institution was located at the southwest corner of Avilla and Bouchet Streets, not far from the Macy Street School. It had been operated and was probably organized by a public spirited couple, a Mr. and Mrs. Coleman. It was maintained financially by donations and subscriptions from whomever the Colemans could interest in their work. The Colemans were very active in the management and conduct of the settlement house, and were assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Hoffman, a trained social worker.

The objects of the settlement house were to improve through education, direction and advice, the living conditions, sanitation, health and general advancement of the residents of the neighborhood. Situated in what was then the poorest neighborhood in Los Angeles, and numbering some twenty different nationalities among the inhabitants, there was indeed much work that could be done.

In addition to a community gathering house, where the people of the district could congregate, there was maintained a branch of the public library, a reading room, a depot for the distribution of discarded clothes, donated by the people who supported or contributed to the institution, and for the distribution of food for the needy, particularly for undernourished children. There was also a medical and dental clinic, where time and work was donated by some members of the medical and dental professions. The Settlement House also assisted in obtaining employment for the people in the district.

Among the doctors who had donated much of their time to the work in the Coleman House, were a Dr. H. A. Levin, and Dr. W. F. Traughber, the latter a charter member of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. Dr. Traughber's charitable work in connection with the institution started in 1912.

During the early months of 1918, Rotary International wrote to all the clubs, urging them to get into, or sponsor some altruistic work. This letter happened to come to the attention of Dr. Traughber.

At that time, the United States had entered the World War, and public attention was centered on war activities, Soldiers and Sailors welfare, the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, and other organizations, all working for the good of the men in the service of our country. There were also staged, throughout the nation, several drives to sell Liberty Bonds. All this contributed to the difficulties of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman's financing of their institution. Then too, Mrs. Coleman's health

began to fail necessitating the discontinuance of her activities. Dr. Traugher wrote the board of directors of the Rotary Club, telling them of the Coleman house, his connection of many years with it, and their present difficulties, and urged that a committee be appointed to investigate the work, and weigh the advisability of having the club sponsor the project.

Authorized by the board, President Rosenberg appointed an investigating committee, consisting of John Bloeser as chairman, Rodney Webster, Rowe Sanderson, and Dr. Traugher. At a meeting of the board, held on June 3rd, 1918, John Bloeser submitted his report, which was supplemented by statements of the other committee members. This so interested the directors that his report was unanimously approved and they further requested him to appear at the next regular meeting and submit an outline of the committee's plan for final endorsement by the entire club. This was done, and the endorsement given on June 7th, 1918.

Thus was adopted, just at the end of the administration of Carl Rosenberg, a very commendable Rotarian activity which was carried on for almost seven years. The many efforts of this institution yielded beneficial results to the community, and to many families and individuals. But whether the results obtained were sufficient to justify the efforts and expenses is a question that probably will always remain unanswered. Many members of the Rotary Club were very enthusiastic over the work of the settlement house, while numerous others who held to the view that it was not a proper activity for the Club, and that the work was a duplication of the activities of other social agencies.

Also there was the constant necessity of finances which arose to confront each successive administration of the Rotary Club, as it came into office. Various plans were tried but it continued to entail an endless series of efforts, and as time went on there developed an increasing amount of opposition, until the decision was finally reached to dispose of the property, give up the work of the institution, and to engage in other and less controversial types of community service.

The story of the settlement house is carried through the administrations of several years of the Los Angeles Club, and it is not the purpose of the authors to attempt either to glorify or condemn the time and efforts expended during the period of its activities. However, it would be unfair to fail to give full credit to the many public-spirited and charitable men who devoted so much of their time to the interests of the

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

institution. We will therefore try to give here as complete a story as possible, from the time the club took over until its final disposition. However, there will appear in subsequent chapters some mention of occurrences and items as they affect each administration during its period of existence.

When the Rotary Club of Los Angeles took over the Settlement House on July 1st, 1918, and assumed its financial support, a reorganization of the board of Directors took place, which resulted in the following officers and directors:

PRESIDENT.....	JOHN BLOESER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	N. RODNEY WEBSTER
SECRETARY.....	FRED E. PETERSON
TREASURER.....	ROWE SANDERSON
DIRECTOR.....	MRS. O'BRIEN

AUDITING COMMITTEE

JAMES F. ROTHGEB	FRED E. PETERSON
DR. W. F. TRAUGHER	

The property, located at 402 Bouchet Street, consisted of a small lot which, with the exception of a small lawn was almost entirely occupied by the settlement house, which originally had been a small story and a half dwelling. On the first floor was a reception room, office and library, dining room, kitchenette and pantry. Two sleeping rooms were on the second floor. In addition to the main building, there was a small structure used as a clinic, and a shed serving as a store room.

These quarters were deemed inadequate for the purpose, and in the late summer of 1919, the property at 335 Bouchet Street just across the street from 402, was purchased for \$3800.00. At the new location there was an eleven room house, which was repaired and renovated at a cost of about \$3000.00. The property at 402 was encumbered with a mortgage of \$5000.00 and it was allowed to revert to the mortgagee.

In repairing and remodeling the building at the new location, the cost as reflected in the above paragraph represented only the exact amount of money expended for the purpose, and it represented principally the amount spent for labor. Most of the materials used were donated by Rotarians interested in the work. The remodeling resulted in an excellent home for the activities of the Settlement House. A brief description of this house is as follows:

On the lower floor was located a general assembly room which occupied about two thirds of the entire ground floor. This room was also

used as an office and reading room, and contained tables for games, a piano, phonograph and several bookshelves always filled with books.

Behind the assembly room was a room equipped with three hospital beds used in connection with the clinic, and a small waiting room for clinic patients. The clinic itself extended across the rear part of the ground floor. It was equipped with an operating table, a dental chair and cabinet, a worktable, a porcelain sink, gas sterilizer, electric sterilizer, and all other equipment necessary for a general medical and dental clinic. The part of the building occupied as the clinic was the addition made after the purchase of the property, and was built of hollow tile.

On the second floor were located the living quarters of the staff, and consisted of two bedrooms, a diningroom, kitchen, bath, and one unoccupied room and sleeping porch. One room was used as a study.

In the rear of the main building was located a small three room structure, it was used as a storeroom where second hand clothing was sold to the poor at nominal prices.

There was not sufficient space around the buildings to be used as a playground, but the property was located adjacent to the Macy Street school and swimming pool, which facilities were used on occasions.

The staff of the Settlement consisted of a supervisor, Mrs. Ruth C. Hoffman at the time the Rotary Club became the sponsor. She was succeeded by a Mrs. Bertha C. Baker. Later Mrs. Baker resigned on account of ill health, and was followed by a Mrs. Jack, who remained only a short time. Mrs. Jack was succeeded by Mrs. Hope Murchey, who had been trained in the Chicago school of Civics and Philanthropy, and in childrens' work in Cleveland. Mrs. Murchey, remained during the ensuing life of the Settlement House.

Mrs. Nellie Barnard held the position of assistant supervisor. Some-time after Mrs. Murchey became supervisor, a trained nurse, a Miss De Villa joined the staff. There was also a housekeeper. The balance of the staff consisted of about thirty volunteer workers who gave their services regularly without compensation.

The activities of the Settlement House were grouped under the following headings: Clinics, Library, Store, Home Visiting and friendly services, Clubs and classes, and gardens.

CLINICS: A General Medical Clinic was conducted Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, the following physicians donating their services:

Dr. W. F. Traughber

Dr. Gruere

Dr. Philip Hoeffer

Dr. L. Bain

Dr. J. Willoughby Howe

Dr. H. A. Levin

Dr. Warren R. Shilling

Tonsillectomies and other minor operations were performed, Mrs. Murchey assisting in the clinic for a time until the arrival of Miss De Villa. Most of the medical and surgical work in the clinic was free, payment being demanded only of those who were known to be able to pay.

During the month of February, 1920, 130 patients received clinical treatment.

The Dental Clinic was for both children and adults and was held on Friday mornings. Drs. Andrew Spinks and Raleigh R. Roberts conducted this work.

The charitable services of the doctors in connection with the clinic were the most important of all of the Settlement House activities. Foremost among these doctors was W. F. Traughber, who had made the original contact between the Rotary Club and the Settlement House that ended in a marriage of the two. Dr. Traughber gave much of his time as a director, but he gave still more of his time and talent in a professional way.

Dr. Traughber has given us much information about the Settlement House, some of which is not a matter of record but which is of great interest. We are giving here, some of the human interest stories from Dr. Traughber's reminiscences:

THE ANGEL NURSE

Dr. Traughber and Settlement Nurse called to see a sick girl in a one room poverty stricken Mexican home. In one corner was a clean, well kept bed, clean linens, in which was the sick girl. The girl was clean, wholesome, and showed she had been well cared for. The rest of the house was unkept and dirty. The other children were ragged and dirty and needed baths. The walls and floors were covered with grease and dirt. The mother was unkept. The doctor said to the mother, "Why is it you have this clean white bed and the sick girl is well kept, but it is out of harmony with the rest of the home. How do you account for it?" The foreign born mother, with tears running down her cheeks said, "Several years ago when one of the children was sick, an Angel Nurse just like this one here, came to our home and taught me how to care for my sick child then and I have done it ever since."

ACUTE ARTICULAR RHEUMATISM and an APPRECIATION

Mrs. Hope Murchey, our Angel Supervisor, if there ever was one, said to me one day, "Will you go with me to see a very sick woman? She has been sick a long time and cannot get out of bed because of rheumatism all over. They are very poor." I found this Italian mother, about 35 years of age, not only confined to her bed, but she would cringe when you walked toward her bed for fear you would touch her and cause her more pain.

The woman had badly diseased tonsils. We took our surgical staff to the woman's home the next day and removed her tonsils. In less than a week the woman walked to our clinic again, and was soon PERFECTLY well. The family moved away, but returned to our neighborhood after two years. She came to our clinic, found the doctor who had cured her, threw her arms around his neck and said "You saved my life, if I had the money I would take you to my country."

OUR BOY BOOSTER

In the early days of our surgical work of removing tonsils, it was hard to get the cooperation of parents or children. The city school doctors and the doctors in our own clinic found many cases needing their tonsils and adenoids removed. Arrangements were made for a certain time; but often the children would hide out and sometimes the parents helped the child avoid coming. Finally we took out the tonsils and adenoids of a boy about 16 years of age. His tonsils were so large he could scarcely swallow. He could not breathe through his nose, because of adenoids. He could not get his school work because of this trouble. One month after his operation he was perfectly well, alert and okay in every way. Everyone noted the change. The boy told everybody and advised all to have their tonsils out. After that they waited in line for their turn. One mother brought her little girl and wanted us to remove her tonsils when there was no need for it. Her excuse was, "Those that are operated on are so much better, I thought I would have her's out too."

Mrs. Hope Murchey, our supervisor for many years, gave her all to those people. She was a beautiful woman and trained for social work in the Hull House in Chicago. She answered their calls day and night. She adopted those people and they loved and responded to her. She got jobs for both men and women. Their problems were hers to help solve. She taught the girls how to beautify themselves and their homes by practical demonstrations in our clinic and they duplicated her work in their own homes, even using the same color in painting. She taught them honesty and high ideals.

Dudley Dorman, one of our members, furnished ice cream and cake for a social before Mrs. Murchey came to us. Most of the silverware went home with the boys and girls. After Mrs. Murchey came, another social was given and nothing was missing after the party. They got the help they needed.

It is the opinion of the scribe that if all boys and girls got the help they need, that Public Enemy No. 1 would never develop.

John Newell was appointed Chairman of the boys work and asked to help the foreign boys in our settlement neighborhood. John was heard to say that this kind of work was not Rotary. However, he was a good Rotarian and organized the boys into clubs with a gym, work shop and other things. Soon John became the most enthusiastic boys worker you would care to find, and he loved the work and the boys. His time was theirs.

SAT ON HIS CHEST

A thirteen year old Mexican boy, who had his tonsils out at our clinic, said to Miss DeVilla, our Spanish nurse, who had held him on the table while he was taking ether, "Why did you sit on my chest, was it to keep the ether out of my lungs?"

LIBRARY: A book deposit of about one thousand volumes was secured from the Los Angeles Public Library. These books were loaned out at the rate of about one hundred and fifty a month.

An indication of other activities of the settlement is given in the following typical report of one month's operations.

Visits to the Settlement House	1604
Visits to homes in the neighborhood	66
Visits to the cooperating agencies	19
Doctor called for	14
Sent to hospitals	3
Friendly advice given to	55
Court cases	1
Secured work for	4

The following clubs and classes were regularly conducted at the house:

- Singing club
- Sewing club for older girls
- Sewing club for little girls
- Boys handwork (furniture and cabinet making)
- Boys swimming class (Macy St. school plunge)
- Story telling groups
- Mexican boys club
- Big boys club (Social and athletic)
- Girls ball team
- Girls Dramatic club
- Millinery class

The Dramatics class was under the direction of Miss Washburn of the Cummack School of Expression.

The storytelling groups, meeting three times a week, were conducted by five students from the University of California at Los Angeles, four students from the University of Southern California, and two members of the staff of the Los Angeles Public Library.

The boys activities were under the supervision of the boys work committee of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, headed by John Newell as the first chairman and which committee incidentally, was the first boy's work committee of the Los Angeles Club. This committee was particularly interested in the Big Boys club, the athletic activities of which were conducted by three men, and were housed in a gymnasium on North Ala-

meda Street, rented and equipped by the committee. They also sponsored and equipped a workshop in the same building.

The Settlement held the house open every evening for the benefit of young people who enjoyed congregating there. They were sent home at 9:00 P.M. which was the curfew hour. Many of the children came from homes where it was impossible for them to study at night, and they used the house for studying purposes. In many instances the more backward of these children were helped with their lessons, and many for the first time obtained an understanding of what study meant.

GARDENS. Seeds for free distribution were furnished by the Woman's Council of Community Service. Several public gardens were planted on vacant lots in the neighborhood, but the many home gardens planted were the more successful.

THE SETTLEMENT HOUSE AND FLU EPIDEMIC

The first and most serious epidemic of Spanish influenza struck Los Angeles about the middle of October, 1918, and the Settlement House district with a population of about two thousand was probably the most severely and earliest afflicted district. Sanitary conditions were the poorest, and the people lived in small overcrowded quarters. Whole families were stricken, and there were no emergency provisions by which immediate aid could be secured.

The Settlement received more requests for assistance than it was possible to handle, and plans had to be quickly drawn for dealing with the emergency. Every effort was made to give temporary aid, and reports made to the City Health Department as fast as new cases were discovered. The Health Department responded with doctors and nurses, and Street Commissioner O'Brien put on a clean-up campaign for the district. The City Housing Commission also pressured property owners of the district for proper housing and sanitary conditions, and Sanitary inspectors gave help wherever needed.

The cooperation of the canteen service of the Red Cross was secured for the providing and distributing of properly cooked food for the sick and convalescent. Their trucks made over six hundred visits and furnished food to twenty-four hundred people. This service, however, was not measured in terms of food alone but in the uplift in morale and courage among the inhabitants of the district, who were almost in a panicky condition as a result of the epidemic.

Another cooperating organization was the outdoor relief section of the county charities, which furnished clothing and bedding, and a temporary home for many newly made orphans.

Hospitals were soon overcrowded, and many convalescents were released too soon, with resulting relapses, and causing fear of spreading the disease in their own families and among their neighbors. It was felt that if provision could be made to care for these convalescents, there would be less danger of relapses, and greater confidence in the district where they lived.

The Health Department suggested to the Board of Directors of the Settlement House that a convalescent home be established, and quick action was taken by that body which resulted in the securing of the Mt. Washington Hotel. Three months rental was paid in advance, with the privilege of an indefinite lease. Later, the board applied to the city council for an appropriation of \$10,500.00 for equipment and supplies. The request was granted. The project was then turned over to the Health Department for operation. Much help resulted from the establishment of the convalescing hospital, which was continued in operation for the duration of the epidemic.

The operation of the Settlement House was under the officers and directors already listed, with very few changes being made after Rotary took over. John Bloeser remained the entire time as President, and N. R. Webster was the only one to hold the Vice-Presidency. Rowe Sanderson resigned as treasurer after a time and was replaced by Harry S. Mason. Mrs. O'Brien was soon dropped as a director, and was replaced by Carl Rosenberg. The President of the Rotary Club was also an ex officio member of the board during his term in office.

The Settlement House was a separate corporation, all of the stock being the property of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. The finances for op-

erating had to be furnished or obtained by the club membership, and for this purpose, and for the purpose of close contact between the two organizations, a Settlement House committee was appointed by each president of the club when he came into office. This committee usually numbered among its members, some if not all the officers, and directors of the Settlement House.

The first campaign for funds was held during the presidency of Leo Chandler, and the committee was under the chairmanship of Louis M. Cole, a man of very wide acquaintance, and a past Potentate of Al Malikah Shrine Temple. Will R. Forker was Vice-chairman. In addition to soliciting all members of the club for donations, and the sale of memberships, the committee also sent a series of letters to many of the business firms of Los Angeles. These letters were followed by personal calls by members of the committee, and thus many donations were received outside of the membership of the club.

It was this committee that first put forth the idea of creating an endowment fund of \$50,000.00, the income of which was to be used for the expenses of operating the Settlement House. It was expected that when that goal was reached the necessity of periodic campaigns for funds would be eliminated.

The goal of \$50,000.00 was not reached by the first committee, and a good portion of the funds collected was used for operating expenses. It was therefore necessary to campaign again and again for funds, and because of operating expenses the endowment fund increased very slowly. During the administration of Hugo M. Burgwald when the endowment fund was actually created by a resolution of the club board of directors, the amount put in trust was only about \$7000.00.

The efforts were continued however, by subsequent committees, and pre-eminently among those who contributed their time and substantial donations were:

Henry P. Day	Herbert D. Ivey	J. Andrew Bauer
Dudley M. Dorman		Tony O. Babb

Henry B. Day was one of the largest donors, having given the fund \$1000.00.

As the drive continued from time to time, progress was made and the fund grew. Many of the donations to the fund were in the form of

mortgages, bonds, and stocks, many of which it developed later, were of little or no value.

Constant solicitation of money from the club membership met with considerable opposition, which continued to grow with more of the members openly opposing the club's sponsorship of the Settlement House. Then when the final campaign for the endowment fund was completed, and the donations received seemed to indicate that the goal had almost been reached, a careful study was made as to the annual expenses of operating the Settlement, and it was found that the income from a fund of \$50,000.00 if invested conservatively, would not be sufficient to maintain the activities.

In soliciting donations for the endowment fund, one of the arguments used was that when the fund had been raised, it would no longer be necessary to ask for further finances from the membership. This practically blocked further solicitations, and it still did not leave the problem solved.

The Catholic charities had been kept informed of the work of the Settlement House, for by far the greater number of people who benefited from the work of the institution were of that faith. When the Settlement House board, and the board of directors were approached by the agents of the Catholic charities, with the idea of purchasing the property, it was looked on with favor, and the transfer was subsequently completed.

The money received for the property, and the endowment fund were deposited in the Trust department of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, and is administered by the board of Directors of the Rotary Club. The proceeds of the fund have since been used for the charitable activities of the club, which action has been satisfactory to the club membership.

Thus ended one of the major activities of the Los Angeles Club, which accomplished much good during its existence, but the wisdom of which was always a question in the minds of many members.

1918-1919

PRESIDENT.....LEO S. CHANDLER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....WILL FORKER
SECRETARY.....ELLIOT B. WYMAN

DIRECTORS:

JOHN BLOESER	A. SYDNEY JONES
FRED E. GOLDING	HARRY R. MINOR
LEO V. STARR	CHARLES E. BENT

The last meeting of President Carl Rosenberg's administration was held at Christopher's Banquet Hall on Friday noon, June 7, 1918. The last action of his Board of Directors taken at that meeting was to arrange for the appointment of a permanent committee of five to supervise the management of the Settlement House under the direction of the Board of Directors. This committee was duly appointed, under the title of "Los Angeles Settlement House Committee", with the following personnel:

JOHN BLOESER, CHAIRMAN	
N. R. WEBSTER	J. F. ROTHGEB
FRED E. PETERSON	ROWE SANDERSON

After a final report by Carl Rosenberg, he was presented with a diamond ring by Will Forker, the gift of the membership, and the gavel was turned over to the new President, Leo S. Chandler, for the year 1918-1919.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club early in December, action was taken which made the Settlement House work the central feature of Rotary Club service during the balance of Chandler's administration. Many activities during that year helped to raise money and provide help for the Settlement House. Leo Chandler's final report of the year indicates that \$10,000.00 was collected for use in its management and operation. Part of this was raised in a campaign in which two teams, headed up by Leo Starr and Carl Rosenberg, staged a vigorous drive among the members for funds. Henry Day was the donor of \$1000.00 early in this administration, which was increased by several additional amounts during the year. A Women's Auxiliary, composed of the wives of Club members, was also formed to carry on Settlement House work. Unquestionably, great progress was made in the operation of the Settle-

ment House, as a meeting held early in the administration following Leo Chandler indicates that a great improvement of the plant and property had taken place since Rotary had interested itself in this work. At the beginning of this effort, there was in use one small cottage. At the time of the Club meeting held by Will Forker, the plant consisted of: one freshly painted and decorated two-story building, a new three-room fireproof building for use as a clinic, and an older building adjacent to these which was used for the sale of clothing and other articles coming into the hands of the Settlement House. At that time two non-members, whose names appear often in the history and growth of Los Angeles appeared. Boyle Workman and Bert Farmer, although not Rotarians, had been among the founders of this effort and continued to be active in the management of the project during the time Rotary was active.

It is interesting to note that, while this administration started during the greatest activity of this country in the World War, not much comment of the war appears in the records. We find that Dr. John R. French was given unlimited leave of absence because of war service, that Lou Guernsey made one of his early appearances as a Four-minute Man urging the purchase of Liberty Bonds, that Syl Weaver was serving on the War Industries Board in Washington, D.C., that from time to time Club action was taken in connection with Red Cross work, Belgium Relief and Salvage. Some plans for reconstruction after the war were discussed, and the problem of wounded soldiers returning from the war was given consideration. However, there were many discussions among the members regarding the war and personal feelings ran high on numerous occasions.

At a Board of Directors meeting early in 1919, it was decided to submit to the next regular luncheon meeting of the club, the matter of requesting Rotary International to hold one of the International Conventions in Los Angeles. The Board meeting of March of that year started action to obtain favorable consideration looking towards an International Convention in Los Angeles in the following year.

The first effort at Club singing was launched in Leo's administration, and the initial attempt was made at a regular Club meeting in September. Charley Bent's name appears in this connection, and the idea was claimed to be a great success.

Milk bottles with covers that permitted the insertion of coins were placed in business houses, stores, and other places where people gathered, with appropriate appeals for donations. The money was accounted for by the Los Angeles Rotary Club and was used to buy milk for undernourished children. At one time during this period a dispute arose between the Club and a group of women who were interested in the project. However, Rotary continued to carry on its program.

During the year's programs, three speakers of considerable note appeared, one of them being Governor William D. Stephens of California, as principal speaker in June, 1918; the second was Thomas Stephenson of the Rotary Club of Edinburgh, Scotland; and the third was U.S. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis; he of the pink whiskers and dapper appearance, and at that time known as the "Senate Whip". Senator Lewis was famous for his repartee, and on this occasion matched his wits with President Leo, who likewise enjoyed a similar reputation. The verbiage thrown back and forth between the two, furnished many good laughs for all present.

An interesting highlight of this administration was that at one meeting of the Directors, a motion to exclude the liquor classification from the membership roll was defeated, the feeling of the majority being that it would terminate itself automatically on account of the National Prohibition Act, which became effective July 1st, 1919.

The membership list numbered about 225, and the attendance ranged between 140 and 160, with guests varying from 20 to 35. The fines were very modest compared with standards of later years, and many reports of assessments of 25¢ and 50¢ were scattered throughout the records of meetings. However, on occasions when money was being raised for some special fund, donations of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$75.00 were not uncommon.

Leo Chandler was imbued with the belief that labor should have a representative in the Club and made many efforts to accomplish this but without success. Late in his administration he appeared before the district conference at San Diego and expressed his views before the delegates there assembled, and again, in his final report to the Club, he states:

"The constitution . . . should be amended so that membership shall be available to the leaders and representative men of labor organizations."

The first mention of the establishment of small clubs in outlying districts of the City of Los Angeles is found in the club deliberations at this time. The records indicate that the majority of the membership voted in favor of such expansion of Rotary's field, but does not show that any clubs were taken in which came in this classification.

At the final meeting of Leo Chandler's administration on June 6, 1919, he made the report of his stewardship. Several of his closing remarks are of interest, and one in particular should be noted, which indicated the gradual elimination of the "cash register" policy of Club activities. We quote him as follows:

"When I came into the Club a few years ago, it was waning because it was more or less on a "cash register" basis. Happily for the Club, Rosenberg, Miller, Weaver—men like these—put it on its feet and made the "cash register" idea one of the incidents, instead of one of the purposes of Rotary."

And in his final report, he also dealt at considerable length on the work of the Settlement House, in which Leo had, apparently, taken a great interest, and in which he accomplished much.

Leo gave the Club a serious and dignified administration. He was a good parliamentarian, and his meetings ran smoothly. During his term, attendance was excellent; a good indication of a successful administration.

1919-1920

PRESIDENT	WILL FORKER
VICE-PRESIDENT	JOHN BLOESER
SECRETARY	FRED E. PETERSON

DIRECTORS:

CHARLES E. BENT	GEORGE E. FEAGANS
FRED E. GOLDING	HERB D. IVEY
HARRY R. MINOR	LEO V. STARR
ROBERT G. WAGNER	

During Will Forker's administration the activities of the Club seem to have been spread a little more into general community activities. We find mention of a fairly close relationship with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Reports of meetings during which various civic and public affairs were sponsored by the Club evidenced. Plans for an unusual

meeting on November 14 were announced. Each member was to bring to the regular meeting one new citizen who had arrived in Los Angeles during the previous several years.

Several changes in the Rotary emblem took place at this time. In December 26, 1919, "The Rodeo" illustrated one shape of emblem.

In the January 2, 1920 issue, we find that a considerable change had taken place. This was retained until April 9, 1920 when still another made its appearance. It is quite similar to the one now generally in use.

At this same time, other Rotarians were discussing the Rotary emblem, and in the winter of 1919 the Board of Directors of Rotary International approved a design submitted by Oscar Bjorge, a member of the Duluth Rotary Club. When one exception, the design is the same one used today. When the new emblem came to the attention of Will Forker, he pointed out one omission to Rotary International. His letter as quoted in "The Rotarian," February, 1938, is given herewith:

"The 'hub' design of the new 'wheel' is that of an 'idler' wheel or gear, there being no provision for the reception or transmission of power to or from a shaft . . . I am submitting, therefore, a modification incorporating a keyway, which makes the new wheel a real worker."

As a result of this criticism, the keyway was added which then gave us our present Rotary insignia.

The work of the Settlement House was also continued, and on August 22nd, the regular noon meeting of the Club was held at the Settlement House quarters at 335 Bauchet Street. Shortly thereafter Louis M. Cole was appointed chairman of a committee of the club to collect money for the Settlement House. Cole set a goal of \$50,000.00, and started to organize the Los Angeles Rotary club in an effort to contact 500 people, each to be solicited for a contribution of \$100.00. A motion picture was made of Settlement House activities which was shown to the club membership. This film is still in the possession of the Historical Committee.

Many speakers of considerable note appeared during this administration. Sir Harry Lauder spoke before the Club in November, and his talk was reported as being one of great seriousness, pathos, and humor. He discussed numerous matters of interest, including problems of labor, the Americanization of our foreign population, and the late war.

Octavus Roy Cohen was a guest at a meeting late in November, and Will Rogers also appeared with another speaker during this administration. It will be recalled by some of the present members in attendance at that meeting, that Will Rogers, who came to the speaker's stand following a banker who had spoken, did a very thorough job of humorizing the banker's talk.

Charles Winsel, Belgian Consul, introduced a Belgian general at one meeting, who in turn made a talk in the French language.

Another meeting, presided over by Past President Sylvester Weaver, was addressed by P. W. Litchfield, Vice-President of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; William May Garland, President of the Los Angeles Real Estate Board; Watt Moreland, President of the Chamber of Commerce; and Frank Wiggins, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. It was also reported that the Honorable Newton T. Baker, Secretary of War, was to be a guest at one of the regular meetings of the Club, but the record does not indicate whether he was able to appear.

Singing continued at the weekly meetings, aided and abetted by an octet composed of Martin Hauser, Lou Guernsey, Byron Badham, Will Knighten, John Sweetser, Charlie Bent, Al Warr and Will Forker.

It is during Will Forker's administration that we have the first report of an Inter-City meeting with other Rotary Clubs. Such a meeting was held late in August of 1919, in the evening and members from the Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Diego, San Bernardino and Long Beach Clubs were in attendance.

The monthly dues of members were increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 by Forker's board of directors, and the initiation fee raised to \$100.00. The fiscal year was changed to start May 1st.

One of the interesting post-war activities of the Club is mentioned in the report of the meeting of the Directors of July 8th, passing on a request received from the Rotary Club of Nashville, Tennessee for a donation to be used for purchasing a farm for Sergeant Alvin York. The minutes indicate that a small donation was forwarded for this purpose.

Toward the end of his year, Will contacted all of the Rotary Clubs then in existence and was successful in raising a fund of \$3000.00 as a gift to Bert Adams who was then retiring as International President.

The change in Rotary policy from one which emphasized mutual direct business benefits to one of service was about completed in Will Forker's administration. Sales talks had become craft talks, and most of the

men who were not interested in the new principles had turned in their resignations. Another step in this direction was taken by the Officers of the Club who authorized a full page advertisement in the Los Angeles Times proclaiming the Rotary ideal of business and community service. This definite crystallization of purpose was one of the outstanding accomplishments of this Rotary year and it saw the ideals of service greatly advanced.

At the end of his administration as President, Forker was presented with a Howard watch, with chain, knife and pen. The inscription on the watch read:

Will R. Forker
from
Los Angeles Rotary Club
April 30th, 1920
The presentation was made by Herbert D. Ivey.

1920-1921

PRESIDENT.....	HUGO M. BURGWALD
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	LEO V. STARR
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	WM. L. CLACK
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	MYER SIEGEL

DIRECTORS:

TONY O. BABB	GEORGE E. FEAGANS
H. D. IVEY	DAN J. BROWNSTEIN
HARRY C. FRYMAN	FRED E. PETERSON
ROBERT G. WAGNER	

This administration took office on May 1st, 1920, Hugo presiding at his first meeting on the 7th. Continuing the community service work of the previous administration of Will Forker, this activity was centered principally in the Los Angeles Settlement House, and on the program of May 7th, Mrs. Murchey, chief social worker at the House, spoke for several minutes concerning her work there, and what was being accomplished.

While financing the Settlement House had been a constant problem since it was taken over by the Los Angeles Club, nevertheless, at a regular meeting on Friday, October 1st, \$6200.00 was pledged by the membership. Other donations had raised this fund to about \$7000.00, all of which had been held in the Rotary Club's Treasury. On April 22nd, 1921, the Directors adopted a resolution creating an endowment fund to be administered by a board of seven Trustees. These were to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Directors, and were to serve for one year.

This resolution was shortly afterward approved by vote of the membership of the club.

The endowment fund continued to grow, and after the sale of the Settlement House property in later years, it became an endowment fund of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, and administered by its Directors, the proceeds of which have been used for the community service activities in which it participated.

In April, 1921, President Hugo advised his Directors that an invitation had been extended to the International Association of Rotary Clubs to meet in Los Angeles in 1921, but that the invitation had been waived in favor of Edinburgh, Scotland. He further suggested that the invitation to meet in Los Angeles be renewed for the year 1922. His suggestion was approved by the Board and later by vote of the Club. In April 1921, Will Stephens was elected to the Presidency of the Los Angeles Club for the year 1921-1922, and was also Chairman of the "On to Edinburgh" committee. He was instructed to issue the invitation at Edinburgh for the 1922 Convention to be held at Los Angeles.

During the very early years of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, a "round table" was established at the Bristol Cafe. Here the members could meet informally for luncheon each day. Why this was discontinued is not known. President Hugo was anxious to re-establish the roundtable, and space was reserved by him in the Indian room in the basement of the Alexandria Hotel at 5th and Spring Streets. Attendance was not well maintained however, and the plan was temporarily abandoned. It was later revived, and early in May, 1922, semi-private quarters were obtained at the Pig'n Whistle, on Broadway near Seventh Street. John Gage, then manager of the Pig'n Whistle, made arrangements to set aside a small room in the rear of the restaurant, for the exclusive use of Rotarians during the noon hour, on Mondays through

Thursdays. The Round Table has been an outstanding fellowship activity of the Los Angeles Club since that time.

During the early months of Hugo Burgwald's administration, the meetings of the Club continued to be held at Christopher's Banquet Hall located at 739 South Broadway. These quarters were not sufficient to accomodate the meetings with any degree of comfort, and on September 17th, 1920, a move was made to the Ballroom of the Alexandria Hotel at 5th and Spring Streets, then Los Angeles' leading downtown hotel. This was the best space available at that time, and the new meeting place added considerable prestige to the Club. This continued to be the home of the Club until the completion of the Los Angeles Biltmore, although the membership had outgrown the "Spacious" Ballroom of the Alexandria long before the final move was made.

The many fine programs of the Club during Hugo's administration included Irvin S. Cobb, Senators James D. Phelan and Samuel Shortridge, both of California; Dr. Wilfred S. Grenfell (later Sir Wilfred) of Labrador.

On Saturday, June 19th, 1920, the Rotary Club sponsored a "Will Cressy" day at the Los Angeles Orpheum, principally for the benefit of, but not limited to, crippled children. Over two thousand were in attendance, most of them having been drawn from institutions in and around Los Angeles; some two hundred were unattached and newsboys.

The transportation of these children was handled entirely by Rotarians, and entailed the use of four street cars furnished by the L.A. Street Railway Company through the courtesy of Rotarian Ed Lewis. Eighty-three automobiles and trucks were furnished by the Los Angeles Motor Car Dealers' Association, and obtained through the efforts of Leo Starr. Some automobiles were also furnished by the club members.

Favors and prizes for all the children were donated by various members, and Ed Borden obtained flowers for all through the Los Angeles Florists Association.

The "Rodeo" of January 7th, 1921, carried an account of what was described as first Los Angeles Rotary Club Golf Tournament, held at the Hollywood Country Club on Ventura Boulevard.

During his administration, Hugo had emphasized the value of fellowship and in addition to reviving the Round Table, encouraged the starting of the golf tournaments, both of which still continue as important club activities.

He was also a strong advocate of community service, and strongly supported the Settlement House, which was then the main activity in this field.

During the early part of his administration, in company with Henry Day, Andy Bauer, W. H. Clack, Will Stephens and L. M. Barker, he attended the International Convention at Atlantic City where he laid the groundwork for the International Convention that was held in Los Angeles in 1922.

His very active administration came to an end and his swan song was sung on April 29th, 1921. After his report was given, he was presented with a double barreled shotgun in a presentation speech by C. H. (Burnie) Burnett, and a pair of cuff links, presented by Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin.

The roster of the Club dated May, 1920, lists 227 members.

1921-1922

PRESIDENT.....	WILL STEPHENS
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	HERB D. IVEY
SECRETARY.....	TONY O. BABB
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	CARL CHRISTENSEN

DIRECTORS:

ANDY BAUER	ARTHUR BENT
TONY BABB	HARRY FRYMAN
CARL GORDON	FRED PETERSON
RODNEY WEBSTER	

Will Stephens started his year as president fully conscious of the responsibilities of his office and of the problems ahead. In accepting the chair he stated in part: "—we must continue to grow and forge ahead. Each year must be better than the former one, otherwise the club must go backward—."

Will presided at his first meetings early in May, still at the Hotel Alexandria, and then left almost immediately for the International

convention at Edinburgh, Scotland. With him were the following delegates:

Andy Bauer	Ed Gerson
John Gage and Mrs. Gage	Phil Holler
Bob Tribby, Assistant Secretary	

Herb Ivey as vice-president of the club presided at the regular weekly meetings during Will Stephen's absence. Herb was also editor-in-chief of "The Rodeo," the club publication, and was active in the management of the Citizens National Bank as its cashier.

The principal activity of this administration was in connection with the coming International Convention scheduled to open June 5, 1922. Will Stephens returned from Edinburgh in August, 1921, and after presiding at several meetings, went to Chicago to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Association to intercede in behalf of Los Angeles for the convention. On August 12th, a resolution, passed at a regular club meeting, authorized the officers to sign a contract guaranteeing convention expenses with an initial deposit of \$5000.00.

International Rotary appointed a Convention Executive Committee composed of the following members:

Carl Rosenberg, Chairman	
Tony Babb, Secretary	
Herb Ivey, Treasurer	
Will Stephens	Clint Miller
Sidney Jones	Rodney Webster

With the arrival of Convention Secretary Bill Graham from International Headquarters on January 1, 1922, this committee pitched into the multitudinous and ever increasing details of the convention program. The Board of Directors of the club accepted a contract guaranteeing a total expense of \$54,000.00, later increased to \$57,000.00, and borrowed \$40,000.00 from the Citizens National Bank and the California Bank. This sum was advanced to carry on convention activities. No help from other clubs was asked for or accepted.

During this period Will Stephens traveled extensively in fostering interest in the annual meeting. The editor of "The Rodeo" described him as a "moving chicken," a "gamboling gazelle" or a "flea with the wanderlust" because of his many trips. No doubt the success of the convention was due in great part to Will's interest and energetic activity in connection with it.

Even during this period the normal club activities did not seem to suffer. Many exceptional programs were held. We find Will Rogers, Charles Paddock, then an Olympic Games star, Mayor George E. Cryer and Wm. Jennings Bryan, Jr. listed as appearing before the club. In February, 1922, Chas. F. Reifsnider, president of St. Paul's College in Tokyo, Japan, talked on the subject: "Japan and its Relation to World Peace." Bee Behymer presented many internationally known opera stars and musicians on the club programs. Ernest Thompson-Seaton, famous author of books on nature and animals, was a guest speaker.

On June 3, 1921, announcement was made that the Club would again publish a pictorial roster, and in September of that year, the completed book was handed to the members. Subsequent to this, the cuts of members were used in "The Rodeo."

Will Stephens' administration should also be credited as taking a great interest in the Round Table. The Pig 'n Whistle Cafe and John Gage played host to these meetings and Hans Koebig became the chronicler of events in a series of Round Table Talks appearing weekly in "The Rodeo". That these luncheon gatherings were well attended is confirmed by the Round Table Column, which mentions the visitors and their quips and comments on all things including world politics, the food and the great beauty of the waitresses. Many of the names are as familiar to us today as they were then.

The Settlement House also continued to furnish useful service to the community. A typical report covering the activities of one month shows the following:

812 Persons came to the House for classwork, books, advice, recreation or medical care.

308 patients were treated in the clinic.

239 calls were made by the nurse and supervisor, including sick calls.

\$125.78 were receipts at the Settlement House.

Donations:

Harry Dutton—supply of drugs.

Justus Krafft—supply of coffee.

Clark Koebig Co.—cement driveway.

Harry Mason as Treasurer of the Settlement House Association made a report of the finances indicating that an endowment fund of \$10,000.00 existed. The members then pledged another \$10,000.00 for this same purpose.

An unusual plan for providing programs for the regular club meet-

ings was adopted by the officers of the club at the beginning of that year and was followed throughout Will's administration. Called the Group System, it provided for twelve groups of four teams each, with four or five men composing a team. Each team presented a program for one meeting under the guidance of a Group Chairman. Certain rules were established for evaluating the programs, and the club officers awarded a suitable trophy to the team which provided the best program during the year.

During the administration of Will Forker in a previous year, the question of the establishment of additional clubs within the city limits of Los Angeles was first brought before the members and received favorable consideration. In Will Stephens' year the directors of the club approved the forming of a club at San Pedro. They also later disapproved the establishing of a club in Hollywood, and it was some years later that this club was finally sponsored by the Los Angeles Club.

The records indicate that additional help was given to the Alvin York relief fund, first mentioned in Will Forker's year.

The records also tell of the appointing of the first Classification Committee of the club.

The Boys Work Committee was authorized by the board of directors to engage in a new activity looking toward the education of caddies at various country clubs.

The report of the Boys Work Committee told of the organization of two Boy Scout troupes in the slum district of the city.

And so as the review of this 1921-1922 administration closes, the feeling exists that it was a full, crowded year, with all the normal activity of the club going on and with the work of the International Convention superimposed on top of it. Will Stephens' term of office due to expire on May first, had been extended by the Directors so that he could represent the club during the International Convention which he had worked so hard to bring to Los Angeles. He provided the club with a genial and energetic leadership, and during his term, the club gained greatly in prestige in the community and in the eyes of Rotary throughout the world. At the last meeting over which he presided, he was presented with a beautiful diamond stickpin, with Arthur Bent making the speech of presentation on behalf of the membership. Rabbi Edgar Magnin also made a short talk in which his eulogy of the retiring President touched the hearts of all present. Tears came to Will Stephens' eyes, and the lump that rose in his throat prevented him from making any reply.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ROTARY CONVENTION

"The City of Los Angeles, bedecked in gay and festive attire, with an abundance of flags and Rotary emblems, hospitably greeted the visiting Rotarians as they arrived in the City Saturday, Sunday and Monday, coming from the four corners of the earth."

Thus the culmination of the efforts of several administrations of the Los Angeles Club took place in the early part of June 1922. At 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 6th, Bill Stephens made his address of welcome to the delegates assembled in the Philharmonic Auditorium, and soon after the convention started on its four days of work.

Total registration of Rotarians, their ladies and guests, was 5858. Of these, 1353 were delegates and officers, representing a total of 956 Rotary Clubs. The main sessions were all held at the Philharmonic Auditorium, with special assemblies, luncheons, dinners and entertainment features scattered throughout Los Angeles and in some of the neighboring cities.

Among the resolutions passed at this convention were several of special interest, either because of their importance in the life of Rotary, or because of their local interest. One of these provided "that a Rotarian's classification shall represent 60% or more of his business or professional activity." This rule is still a guide for the classifying of new members.

Another resolution proposed to develop the interest of Rotary Clubs in work in behalf of crippled children. From this sprang the very fine activity of Rotary in that direction, which has carried through with increasingly evident results to the present day.

Also of local interest was a resolution authorizing "the board of directors to consider the application (to membership) of the Rotary Club of San Pedro." Prior to this, the constitution of Rotary provided that there could be only one Rotary Club in a city. There was considerable discussion regarding the principle involved, and strong opposition developed on the part of the Chicago Rotary Club. However, the resolution was adopted, and thus the precedent was established in the matter of permitting additional clubs within the limits of large cities.

The most important resolution considered was that which provided for the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws, and a standard club constitution of Rotary International. A committee of 31 members, appointed after the convention at Edinburgh, had spent a year in the study and consideration of this matter. Many problems confronted the committee, particularly those involving the international nature of the organization; but these were threshed out, and the completed document, including the new name "Rotary International," was presented, discussed and adopted by the convention.

Other business of the convention proceeded through to the election of new officers, and was adjourned with the installation of those officers on Friday afternoon, June 9th.

The entertainment provided for the delegates was extensive and varied, but not unusual, except in one instance. On Saturday afternoon, June 10th, the visitors were served a luncheon at the Hollywood Bowl, and in the afternoon they witnessed the making of a portion of a motion picture. The actors included some of the famous stars of that day, among them: Mary Miles Minter, Agnes Ayres, Theodore Roberts, Conrad Nagel and Wanda Hawley.

And so this last day, which had been set aside exclusively for the hospitality of Rotarians provided by the Los Angeles Club, brought to a close the thirteenth convention of Rotary International. In a last word, the convention adopted a resolution expressing appreciation and thanks to the Los Angeles Club and all who had been connected with the work of organizing, managing and carrying on the meetings, and providing for the comfort and the pleasures of the delegates and their friends.

1922-1923

PRESIDENT.....	HARRY L. HARPER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	HARRY S. MASON
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....	RAY A. EDWARDS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....	ROBERT E. TRIBBY
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	HANS K. KOEBIG

DIRECTORS:

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CARL J. GORDON	MAYNARD McFIE
ROY F. WILCOX	

June 16th, 1922 saw the president's gavel turned over to Harry L. Harper for the coming year. The activity and excitement of the convention died down gradually, and new plans for the Los Angeles Club were projected rapidly. President Harry outlined his policies at his opening meeting, and introduced his committee chairmen. An attendance contest, initiated at the International Convention, was submitted to the Club, and greater stress put on regular attendance by the members.

In connection with the committees announced, it is interesting to note the titles, as well as the number of committees appointed that year, as compared to our present list. The following twenty committees comprised those set up for the year 1922-1923:

Membership	Golf
Classification	Good Samaritan
Attendance	Judiciary
Automobile	Luncheon
Boys Work	Music
Business Counsel and Efficiency	Program
California Idea	Publicity
Civic Affairs	Rotary Construction
Fellowship	Rotary Education
Finance	Round Table

Among civic activities, those of the Settlement House continued under the direction of the Los Angeles Club, and reports made at intervals indicated the continuance of the services established in previous years.

However, the personal interest of the members seemed on the wane, and in November of his year, President Harry urged Rotarians to take the time to visit this club activity to see at first hand the work being done there.

During December of 1922 a new boys club was organized at the House, and a program of group activities initiated.

Later in the year, a new boys work activity was proposed to include the lending of money to high school boys and girls to finish their education. The money was to come from the Settlement House fund. However, after thorough consideration of this proposal by the directors, the Settlement House directors and the Boys Work Committee, the idea was abandoned.

There were several fundamental changes in the operation and in the activities of the Club during this administration. The most important of these was the placing of a limit in the club membership to a total of 310 active members. This number would bring Los Angeles Rotary into the class of A clubs, but at the same time, would not permit the increase to become so great as to eliminate the close contact between members existing up to this time. It is interesting to note that this limit of membership continued until the year 1934, when it was increased to a total of 350.

A change was also made by President Harper in the amount and use of money collected as fines during the regular weekly meeting. Up to then, the amounts collected normally ran from 25¢ to \$1.00, and this money was used for the purchase of flowers sent to members who were ill. During Harry's administration, the Directors voted that:

"all money collected through the medium of fines at the weekly luncheons be deposited in what would be known as the Rotary Club Milk Fund, and this money be turned over to the Parent Teachers Association for the purchase of milk for undernourished school children in the City of Los Angeles."

In addition, the amount of the fines were increased to a minimum of \$1.00. As a result a great increase in the amount of money set aside for the Rotary Milk Fund followed.

One of the highlights of the year's activities was a proposed inter-city visit to Honolulu, the suggestion coming from District Governor John R. Williams of Long Beach. The date was finally set as January 5, 1923, and a pre-inspection of the Steamship H. F. Alexander was arranged for early in November. The meeting was to include the members of all clubs in the Second District.

The first large program of a special nature was set for July 14th, 1922, at which S. M. Vauclaine, President of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, addressed the Club. The membership of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce were guests at this meeting. Vauclaine's prophesy of great prosperity given in his address was proven correct by the prosperous years from 1922 to 1929 which followed.

The week of February 18th, to 24th was designated as "Rotary's Anniversary Week" during which the Club sponsored an intensive citizenship campaign. The newspapers of Los Angeles gave wide publicity to the movement; universities, colleges, high schools and some grade schools held special exercises, and over one hundred theaters cooperated by running a two hundred foot film portraying five fundamentals of Citizenship and the Rotary emblem, and at the regular meeting of February 23rd, the speakers were Mayor George Cryer, Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe, and the then Speaker of the California State Assembly, Honorable Frank F. Merriam.

Gus Edwards, the vaudeville headliner, lightened one program — courtesy Orpheum Theater.

On November 3, 1922 the Club scheduled a discussion of vivisection, with one speaker hailing from London, England.

Dr. Remsen D. Bird, President of Occidental College, was a speaker on the regular club program December 8th, 1922. Several weeks later, Henry S. McKee, President of the Merchants National Bank, appeared at the rostrum.

Friday, February 2nd, 1923, again saw Harry Lauder of Scotland in the speaker's place, and the report of the meeting indicates that he "sounded the heights and depths of human emotion," with a few tears sprinkled between roars of laughter.

Other steps taken by the officers, directors and the members of the Club which affected its operations and activities, are as follows:

In September, 1922, the Directors approved a new constitution and new by-laws, and these were then submitted to and approved by the whole membership.

In accordance with action taken by the International Convention, the Los Angeles Club passed a resolution providing that memberships in Rotary were personal, were not the property of the firm which the member represented, and were non-transferrable.

In December of 1922, the Board voted to continue noon meetings "at the Alexandria Hotel, until such date as definite arrangements could be made with the Biltmore Hotel."

The Golf Committee was given the sum of \$75.00 for prizes.

The final report of the Executive Committee of the International Convention was made during the fall of 1922, and among other things Chairman Carl Rosenberg reported a surplus of \$8000.00 after all bills had been paid. This sum was added to the Los Angeles Club treasury.

During this year, many members were honored by election to high offices in local and national trade and civic groups. Art Loomis was made President of the Ad Club, with Carman Smith as Vice-President, and Irving Smith as a member of the Board. Arthur Bent was elected to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Roy Wilcox to the Board of the National Florists Association. Hugo Burgwald was made President of the Los Angeles Fire Insurance Exchange, and Harry Mason, President of the Automobile Trades Association of California.

During the administration of Harry Harper, the Los Angeles Club made advances in prestige and importance in the community. Reports of meetings in "The Rodeos" of that year indicate that President Harry was an excellent presiding officer, who carried on the work of the Club with vigor and fine leadership. He made his annual report at the meeting of May 4th. Clint Miller was given the floor and made an excellent talk regarding the fine administration just closed. On behalf of the membership, he presented Harry with a cigarette case, a suit case, and a traveling bag. These presents Harry was able to use very soon, for he started on a trip soon after his last meeting as presiding officer.

It was again an honor to Rotary when the name of Harry L. Harper was added to that list of Rotarians elected to the office of President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

1923-1924

PRESIDENT.....HARRY S. MASON
VICE-PRESIDENT.....CLIFFORD C. HINE
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....SAMUEL C. HALL

DIRECTORS:

HENRY B. DAY JOHN H. GAGE
MAYNARD McFIE ROY F. WILCOX
CHARLES W. LINK JOHN C. RENDLER
HORACE DUNBAR

On May 4th, 1923, when Harry Harper handed over the gavel to Harry Mason, there began a year of activities that made important history for the Los Angeles Club. During this regime there occurred at least two important changes effecting the club life and activities, and there was recorded a very substantial gain in membership from 266 at the start of the year to 292 at the end.

It was on November 21st of this year that the first special train was chartered for an inter-city meeting with the Rotary Club of San Francisco. This became an annual event for several years afterward.

It was during this year also (January 5th, 1924) that the Los Angeles club invited all Southern California Rotarians to an evening ball and entertainment at the new Biltmore Hotel, at which fifteen hundred people were in attendance. It was to attend this party that 58 Rotarians and ladies of Ontario and Uplands chartered a special Pacific Electric car. The party was considered so successful that it too, for several years was an annual event.

On Friday, June 29th, Roger Andrews, honorary member, and the only man ever to succeed himself as president of the club returned to put on the entire program. This was the last time of record that Roger attended a meeting of the club over which he presided for three years.

On Friday, October 5th the club moved to the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel, which has been the official meeting place since that date. On that occasion, district governor Paul Reiger made his official visit to Los Angeles, speaking to the largest gathering of Rotarians at a regular club meeting held in this section, up to that time. On that day ninety-two visiting Rotarians were present.

At the regular meeting on December 23rd, 1923, the program was given over to the raising of the balance of the money needed to complete the Trust Fund for the Community Settlement house. Director Horace Dunbar made the appeal to the membership for subscriptions to the fund, with the result that \$45,230.00 was realized; some in the form of cash, some through the donation of securities of various kinds, and a considerable sum in notes in the amount of two hundred dollars each, carrying interest at the rate of six percent and payable in one year. Prior to this time all funds donated to the Settlement House for the operating expenses and for the endowment fund, were under the control of the Board of Directors of the Settlement House, and in view of the recent donations to the endowment fund it was the opinion of some of the directors that the funds and property could be better safeguarded if the Rotary Club of Los Angeles had full control of all the assets.

During the month of February, the Directors voted to enter into an agreement with the trust department of the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank, for the creation of a trust, funds for which had been raised at the December 23rd meeting.

A joint meeting of the Boards of Directors of the Settlement House and the Rotary Club was held on March 25th, 1924, during which resolutions were adopted by both groups, transferring to the control of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club, all of the cash with the exception of a sufficient amount to cover current operating expenses, title to the property and other assets.

During this joint meeting, a discussion was entered into as to the advisability of the Rotary Club continuing to operate the Settlement House. This was brought about by communications received from the Salvation Army and the Associated Catholic Charities, both of whom had made tentative propositions for the taking over and operation of the House. It was finally voted that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of transferring the activity to some organization, and to make a recommendation to the Board of such transfer as might be wise to make.

Early the following month (April, 1924), this committee, consisting of W. E. Burke, Horace Dunbar, Charles Link and Clifford Hine, rendered their report to the Board recommending in effect that the activities of the Settlement House be discontinued, and that the Directors of the Rotary Club be guided in any decision they might reach, by the

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sentiment of the membership of the club, expressed in their answers to a questionnaire which should be submitted to them, setting forth the reasons for the discontinuance of the Settlement House activities, and asking for their expression relative to same.

It was further recommended that the recent subscriptions of \$200.00 made by the membership of the Club, or such other subscriptions as were made by members at that time, be returned to the subscribers, and that the Settlement House corporation be disincorporated.

Acting on these recommendations, the board appointed Harry Mason, Horace Dunbar and Sam Hall to draft a letter and questionnaire to be mailed to the club membership, setting forth the reasons for the action of the Board, and asking the members to express their individual opinions.

At a special board meeting April 22nd, 1924, the special committee composed of Will Forker, Robbie Robinson, and Wm. Burke, appointed for the purpose of canvassing the membership with respect to the continuance of the activities of the Settlement House, or the abandonment of the project, reported that they had sent the following questionnaire to the membership:

1. Shall the Los Angeles Rotary Club discontinue it's Settlement House operations?
2. Shall the Los Angeles Rotary Club give the use of the property without charge to the Salvation Army, and pledge for one year an amount equal to the current operating expense?
3. Shall the Los Angeles Rotary Club give the use of the property without charge, and without any financial aid to the Bureau of Catholic charities of Los Angeles?

The replies received showed the following results:

Question No. 1.		Yes 208
		No 8
Question No. 1.	(unconditionally)	Yes 112
Question No. 2.		Yes 36
Question No. 3.		Yes 60

After receiving the above report of the investigating committee, the following three resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved that in view of the vote as presented that the work of the Settlement House be discontinued on or before May 30th, 1924, and that in the meantime the question of the disposal of the property or the placing of the activities of the Settlement House be given consideration by the Board of Directors or by a special Committee to be appointed by the President.

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2. Resolved that whereas the activities of the Settlement House are to be discontinued, and that the recent subscriptions to the endowment fund, approximating fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be returned to the donors, and that the President and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to so return to each member his subscription to said endowment fund which was made in December, 1923.
3. Resolved that whereas the resolutions creating a trusteeship to handle the endowment fund of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles provided that the income from said endowment fund should be paid to the Community Settlement House, that authorization of this board should be had since the Settlement House was to be discontinued so that the trust created covering the endowment fund remaining after the return of the donations and subscriptions of December, 1923, should read that income from said endowment fund should be held by said trustee and payment of the same should be made from time to time as the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Rotary Club might direct.

It was somewhat of a coincidence that early in the administration of Harry Mason, there was completed the most effective of all campaigns for the financing of the Settlement House when over forty-five thousand dollars was added to the endowment fund, and that near the end of his year the decision was reached to discontinue its operation. The drive for funds was typical of his energetic attitude and his desire to get this financial problem solved for all time. It was also typical of the energetic manner in which he handled other activities of this very progressive year. When he handed the gavel of office over to his successor, a most friendly and cordial feeling was prevalent throughout the membership, and he was elected to the office of District Governor at the conference held at San Jose in March of 1924. We repeat here one paragraph of an item published in the weekly Rodeo of March 28th, 1924:

"A great honor has come to Los Angeles and our Harry. He is the new District Governor, being the choice of the Second District Conference at San Jose last week. It is a big and difficult job they have wished upon him, but there is not one among us who fears the outcome. Harry has been a sturdy and efficient president of Rotary, the year he is closing has been remarkable in many ways. He has had the whole-hearted support of the fellows, and each of us will line up behind him and do our level best to help make his year as Governor a success for Rotary and a credit to himself and Los Angeles."

Harry Mason retired from the office of President at the meeting of Friday, May 2nd. After giving the report of his stewardship, he was presented with a fine watch, and a traveling bag. John Gage made the presentation on behalf of the membership.

1924-1925

PRESIDENT	HORACE DUNBAR
VICE-PRESIDENT	JOHN H. GAGE
SECRETARY-TREASURER	DANA JONES
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	ARTHUR K. REBARD
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	J. L. SETTLES

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JOHN C. RENDLER	

This Administration took office on May 1st, 1924, and had as a carryover of unfinished business, the final closing of the Los Angeles Settlement House, and the dissolution of the Settlement House Association as a corporation. This also brought about the necessity of directing the Boy's Work activities of the Club into new channels.

In his program for the year as published in Rodeo of May 2nd, 1924, this responsibility was recognized, as was the responsibility of the Club to select new charitable activities as recipients of the earnings of the endowment fund, which now amounted to \$29,000.00 and the legal clarification of the trust fund itself, practically all of which had been donated for the purpose of supporting the operation of the Settlement House.

The Settlement House property was sold in July, to the Association of Catholic charities. The corporation was finally dissolved, the legal work in connection therewith being handled by Fred E. Peterson. Rotarian Peterson also reported after considerable investigation, that in his opinion the revenue from the endowment fund that had been created for the operation of the Settlement House, could be used for charitable purposes under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club. There was however, one questionable detail in connection with this opinion, and that was a letter written by Henry B. Day which accompanied his donation of a thousand dollars. This was clarified through further correspondence with Mr. Day.

For several years prior to the disposition of the Settlement House, the

Boys' Work Committee had centered their activities in the same neighborhood, and supplemented to a great extent, the work of the settlement. The decision of the Club to discontinue the operation of the house had the effect of leaving the Boys Work Committee without a proper program.

Shortly after the administration took office, President Horace gave a talk on what he hoped Club No. 5 would accomplish during the year ahead. He expressed the belief that Boy's Work would be emphasized, although he felt that no Rotary Club should ever expect a one hundred percent participation of its members in that particular activity.

He believed that Boys' Work was an expression of the Rotary spirit, but only one of the many activities that Rotary sponsored. That evening at his home he was interested in receiving a call from several members of the Boys' Work Committee, some of whom were fearful that the new President would soft-pedal the activity close to their hearts. Horace assured the Committee members that their fears were groundless, and that he intended to do something that would be helpful to their cause.

At the following Friday luncheon, the President used all of the program time, and called upon the members of the Club to place \$10,000.00 in his hands to devote to Boy's Work. At the time he frankly confessed that he did not know how the money would be expended, admitting however that any Rotary president might be expected to do considerable good for boys with that much money at his disposal.

In spite of the uncertainty, the members present actually subscribed close to \$9000.00, which was placed at the disposal of the President within a few days after the meeting.

There followed several discussions with the Boys' Work Committee relative to the wise expenditure of this money. Dr. Ray Robinson, vice-chairman of the Committee, suggested an exhaustive survey be made to discover the actual juvenile conditions in Los Angeles, with the thought that future activities in this field could be planned on the facts brought out by such investigation. It was Dr. Robinson's suggestion that the direction of the survey be turned over to Dr. E. S. Bogardus, head of the Department of Sociology of the University of Southern California, and with whom he had discussed the plan, the Rotary Club to defray all of the expenses thereof. Dr. Robinson was asked to put his suggestion in writ-

ing, for action of the Directors. This he did, and on January 9th, 1925, wrote as follows:

January 9, 1925

Board of Directors,
Rotary Club,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Your Boys' Work Committee begs to report as follows:

The inauguration of boys work at the beginning of the Rotary year seemed a rather hopeless task, due to the multiplicity of things which might be done and the inadequate means at our command for accomplishment. There seemed a great many avenues where work was necessary, but each of these only lead into further requirements. There seemed to be no definite thing which could be followed through to completion, so after many months of study this committee has devised a plan for a complete survey of the needs for boys work in the City of Los Angeles, and the agencies which are now operating toward the meeting of these needs. We find that the agencies now operating are in reality working at cross purposes. There is overlapping of effort and little or no coordination. It seems to be the general feeling among men interested in this type of work that a survey such as we plan is the one great need in connection with boys' work in this city today.

We submit herewith an outline of the survey recommended under twelve headings, and an outline of the work which we feel may be accomplished after the survey is completed. We also submit a budget for the survey.

You will find that the University of Southern California is contributing the services of Professor Bogardus from February 1st to June 30th. They are also contributing the office space and much equipment. They will also contribute voluntary workers. If we were called upon to pay in cash for the contributions made by the University of Southern California it would amount to much more than the sum total of the budget herewith submitted.

Your committee feels that this survey is the one constructive piece of work which the Rotary Club can contribute to the advancement and welfare of the boys of the City of Los Angeles. All agencies recognize the need of such a survey but none are in a position to make this survey, and your Boys' Work Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this plan and approval of the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray D. Robinson
Vice-Chairman

Accompanying Dr. Robinson's letter was the following outline of the recommended survey:

SURVEY OF BOY'S WORK

1. Find out what the boys' organizations in the city are doing; their problems and their needs; and who are their supporters and contributors?
2. Find out what other organizations, not boys' work organizations, such as churches, social settlements, are doing boys' work; to what extent; in what ways; what are their problems and needs?
3. Find out what the public schools are doing for boys outside of regular class work, and from principals what the boys' problems are and the boys' problems are in each district of that city, and who the problem boys are?
4. Find out from the Playground Commission and related sources what is being done in recreational ways for boys. What are the needs and problems?
5. Study pool rooms, dance halls, hang-outs for boys, and what is taking place.
6. Study composition of population in boys' institutions, reform schools, disciplinary and military schools.
7. Make a study of boys' gangs in Los Angeles, getting the history of each, the problems involved in their activities, and study high school fraternities for boys.
8. Find out from a study of the records of the Child Guidance Clinic, Juvenile Protective Association, Juvenile Court, Police Departments, Compulsory Education Department, what the problems of boys are. Get a complete natural history of one hundred problem boys.
9. Find out from parents in different parts of the city what their problems are with boys—their own boys.

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10. Find out the relation of the automobile to the boy problem.
11. Find out what the personnel of the boys' workers in Los Angeles is; what their training is; how much cooperation there is between them.
12. Find out what studies concerning boys' work and problems have already been made in Los Angeles and what are the results.

There also accompanied this communication, a budget of the cost of the survey to be made which amounted to \$5625.00.

BUDGET FOR SURVEY OF BOYS' WORK

1. Director of Research; research to be in charge of E. S. Bogardus, whose services will be contributed by the University until June 30th.		
From June 30 until August 15.....		\$600.00
2. Chief Supervisor of Staff.		
Fellowship at \$150.00 per mo.—5 months.		750.00
3. Research fellowships.		
(a) 1 at \$150.00 per mo.—5 months	750.00	
(b) 2 at \$100.00 per mo.—5 months	1000.00	
(c) 2 at \$ 60.00 per mo.—5 months	60 .00	2350.00
	600.00	2350.00
4. Mimeographing	100.00	
Maps, Charts & Materials	100.00	
Office Supplies	80.00	
Letterheads and envelopes	20.00	
Stamps	25.00	
Renting of typewriter	25.00	350.00
University will furnish office space and considerable office equipment.		
5. Secretarial assistance.		
(a) 1 at \$100.00 per mo.—6 months	600.00	
(b) ½ time at \$45.00 per mo.—5 months	225.00	
(for collating data)		
(c) draftsman ½ time at \$50.00		
per month—5 months	250.00	1075.00
6. Unassigned—Approximately 10% of entire amount—		500.00
		<u>\$5625.00</u>

The Directors approved the recommendation of the Boys' Work Committee and on January 21st, 1925, a contract was entered into between the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, and the Department of Sociology of the University of Southern California, who had agreed to conduct the survey. The cooperation of Dr. E. S. Bogardus made the survey possible at the very reasonable cost, by employing a staff made available by a number of research fellowships and augmented by volunteer workers. Dr. Bogardus had estimated that the information could be gathered by June 30th, and the final reports and findings, including maps and charts, could be presented to the Committee in typewritten form by August 15th.

The Survey was completed and published in a book of 148 pages and copyrighted, in 1926. Its publication was of necessity authorized by the administration of 1925-26.

This survey attracted attention from all over the world, and was announced as one of the greatest accomplishments ever undertaken in Boys' Work by any service club. One of the interesting results in Los Angeles was the breaking down of all prejudice and other artificial barriers that had hitherto hampered the approach to and the solution of local juvenile delinquency problems. It resulted in the organization of the council of social agencies, composed originally of over fifty different bodies, including churches. This council consisted of Protestant ministers, Catholic priests, Jewish rabbis, Y.M.C.A. secretaries, juvenile court authorities and others, all sitting around the table and calling each other by their first names. The results have been incalculable. President Dunbar at a Methodist church dinner given in honor of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, heard the minister pronounce the survey the finest contribution to Sociology that had been made anywhere in many years.

One of the substantial results of the publication of this survey, was the formation of the All Nations Foundation located at 824 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, the survey indicating this location as the geographical center of juvenile delinquency in this city.

Copies of the survey were purchased by Rotary Clubs, juvenile authorities, charitable institutions, public libraries, and schools. Several universities accepted it as a text book in their courses covering Sociology. The first edition of the book was soon exhausted and at \$2.00 per copy the price at which they were sold, the Rotary Club soon recovered a substantial part of the cost of the survey.

An interesting highlight on this survey was that when, several years later one of Dr. Robinson's two sons entered Columbia University in New York City, and had included Sociology in his curriculum, he was given a copy of the survey originally suggested by his father, as one of the text books covering this study.

Another interesting item of President Dunbar's administration was that the the meeting of the Directors on March 3rd, 1925, three invitations were issued which brought the membership to 310, the limit at that time. Applications received thereafter were placed on the waiting list.

On January 9th—Knute Rockne, famous football coach at Notre Dame University, made a short talk, being introduced by "Gloomy Gus" Henderson, then the coach at University of Southern California, and a member of the Los Angeles Club.

At the meeting of January 23rd, International President Everett W. Hill was the principal speaker, his topic being the sixth object of Rotary. This meeting made history, for it was the first speech delivered before the Los Angeles Club to be broadcast. Radio station KHJ carried President Hill's message out over the ether.

When President Dunbar relinquished his office to John H. Gage on May 1st, 1925, it was with a feeling of regret on the part of the membership. His year had been one of accomplishment by the Club, and his excellent conduct of the meetings, his sincerity of purpose, and his outstanding ability as a speaker had endeared him to all of the members. In addition to his sponsoring the Boys' Work survey, he had stressed the advancement of business standards, which was also the object selected for attention by the International officers for that Rotary year. On his retirement from office he was presented with a beautiful diamond ring. Maynard McFie made the speech of presentation on behalf of the membership.

1925-1926

PRESIDENT.....JOHN H. GAGE
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W. R. KILGORE

The minutes of the Directors' meeting of May 12th, 1925, record that when this administration took office on May first, the Club numbered 309 members. The membership remained at or near this figure during the entire year, and was recorded again as being the same at the final Board meeting for the year on April 13th, 1926.

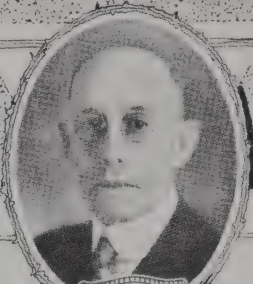
It was during this year that the Boys' Work Survey started during the previous administration, was completed, and a report was given by Dr. Ray D. Robinson as chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, at the regular noon day meeting of the Club on Friday October 16th. In the Rodeo of February 17th, 1926, a further report of the Committee was published, bringing the work of the survey to its completion by that committee and the committee of the previous administration.

The survey had been completed and written within the period required by Dr. E. S. Bogardus and the manuscript submitted by him to the Boys' Work Committee. Martin Houser headed a committee to re-edit the report, and when a few changes were made, he submitted a written report covering the survey, with the recommendations of the Committee that it be published in book form. The Committee also recommended that five hundred copies be distributed by the Club to various welfare agencies and that an additional five hundred copies be printed for sale at a price to be set by the Board. This was done and the price set at one dollar each for the paper covered books, and two dollars for the cloth bound.

It is reported in the previous chapter that the first edition was soon exhausted and other printings were ordered later.



BYRON J. BADHAM
VICE PRESIDENT



HARRY W. WATSON
SECTY-TREAS



LUTHER REYNOLDS
TREASURER



JOHN H. GAGE
PRESIDENT



BILL MCGUIRE
DIRECTOR



JOHN C. FORBES
SECTY AT ARMS



EDWARD A. TALBOT
DIRECTOR

Shortly after John Gage assumed the office of President, the city of Santa Barbara was visited by an earthquake, which destroyed many buildings and homes, and caused several deaths and much suffering. At the meeting of July 10th, the Directors voted to contribute \$1000.00 to the relief of the sufferers. This action was ratified by vote of the Club.

On July 5th, District Governor Tom Bridges wired President John, appointing him and Past President Horace Dunbar a committee to go to Santa Barbara for the purpose of consulting the Rotarians of that city to ascertain what should be done by the Second District of Rotary in the way of giving assistance, particularly for Rotarians. After his visit, President John wired Governor Bridges his recommendation that the Second District contribute at least \$25,000.00, same to be placed in the hands of the President and Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Club for administration.

President John's report was approved by District Governor Bridges, and the amount suggested by John was forwarded, the entire amount being raised entirely within the district. After the return of President John and Past President Dunbar, the donation of the Los Angeles Club was increased \$5000.00.

The money raised and forwarded by the district to the Santa Barbara Club was called the "Jimmie Angle Fund"; named after the popular Rotarian dentist, who because of his desire to assist one of his patients who wished to leave the city that day, arrived at his office before seven o'clock, and as a result lost his life in the earthquake.

On November 6th the Club was honored by a visit from President Emeritus Paul Harris, accompanied by his good wife Jean.

On November 27th, Cameron Beck, President of the New York Stock Exchange was the guest speaker and on January 15th, 1926, Rotarian John Philip Sousa, famous bandmaster and composer made a brief talk.

During John Gage's year as President, the Club was prosperous, enjoying practically a full membership list throughout the entire term, and a very well maintained attendance percentage. As presiding officer of the Club, John was enjoyed and admired, having somewhat the attitude and speaking delivery of a philosopher. He contributed an interesting article to every issue of Rodeo during the year, in which he liked to connect some phase of Rotary Service with a human interest story.

On his retirement from office, he was presented with a set of silver for his home, the presentation speech being made by Horace Dunbar.

1926-1927

PRESIDENT.....BYRON J. BADHAM
VICE-PRESIDENT.....JAMES E. SHELTON
SECRETARY-TREASURER.....LOUIS G. GUERNSEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....J. L. SETTLES

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EDWARD H. UHL

Byron Badham took over the gavel of office from retiring President John Gage, "at exactly 1:27 P.M. on April 30th, 1926" according to the Editor of "The Rodeo," writing in the issue of May 7th. Following several successful years of the Club's activities and coming into office at a time that might be considered the peak of the "prosperous '20's" the new President had set as the goal of his administration the continuance of the community service activities, particularly in Boys' Work, the enlargement of fellowship activities, and, because of the membership having been maintained at or near its limit, a policy of rigid adherence to the rules governing attendance.

This year marked the inauguration of the Club's annual outings, which were continued for many years with such great pleasure to the membership. This idea seems to have originated with Hugo Burgwald who, with Rodney Webster, had tried out the idea the previous year with a barbecue held at a picnic ground in the Hollywood Hills with sufficient success to indicate that the club membership should be very much interested if planned longer in advance and given some publicity.

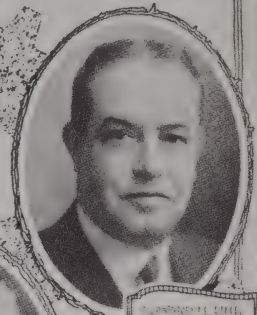
The first outing or "Rodeo", a stag affair for members only, was held at Fryman's Ranch, at the foot of the north slope of the Santa Monica mountains, near Ventura Boulevard. An extensive sports program was laid out including a ball game between two teams picked from the club membership and captained by W. J. (Silver-top) Thomas and Arthur Lynch. Following this were foot races, three legged and sack races, horseshoe pitching and various other contests. A barbecue dinner, cooked in pits prepared in the open by a crew under Rodney Webster,



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was the big feature, and in the evening a very select program of entertainment was presented. It sent all to their homes in a very happy frame of mind.

The outing was so successful that it continued as an annual event for several years, until it was finally eclipsed by the increasing activities of the Golf Committee, with their monthly tournaments and annual Honeymoon Parties.

The formation of the two baseball teams for the outing disclosed in the club membership a considerable amount of talent and past experience with the national pastime. Many of the men participating had, in their youthful days, been either good amateurs, semi-professional, college, and even professional players. After the Rodeo held at Fryman's Ranch those interested held a meeting and decided to form a ball team to play under the name of L.A. Rotary. The members taking part in this activity and forming the players on the team were Fred Knickerbocker, Harvey Knoll, Henry Burgeson, Frank Hilliard, Chet Nelson, Al Warr, Walter Day, C. M. MacAllister, Ed Young, Arthur Lynch, and Lou Guernsey. Lynch was chosen playing manager; Knickerbocker, Captain, and because of his wide acquaintance with members of other clubs, Past District Governor Harry Mason was asked to act as booking manager.

The first game was played with the Los Angeles Lions Club as the opposing team. Rotary easily won this as well as a game played with the same group at a later date. Teams formed by other Rotary Clubs and which played against Los Angeles were Santa Monica, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Redondo, Alhambra and San Diego. Alhambra and San Diego furnished the best balanced opposition to the Los Angeles team, and several contests were played with each team, honors being about evenly divided.

Baseball as an entirely new fellowship activity started early in Badham's administration and continued through the following year. It was dropped only because the players, all of whom were well beyond the athletic age, found that their physical endurance did not equal their enthusiasm. While this activity lasted, it furnished a great medium of club and inter-club fellowship, and was also the means of forming close friendships between members of the different clubs participating.

In addition to the regular community service activities of the club during this year, a donation of \$150.00 was made to the Juvenile Protective Association to send fifteen to twenty problem boys to summer camp. The Directors also voted \$200.00 for the observance of Boys' Week.

During this year Florida suffered a hurricane and a flood occurred in the Mississippi Valley. \$500.00 was contributed for the former and for the flood sufferers, \$1000.00. Both donations were made through the Red Cross.

The Club programs under the chairmanship of Vice-President Jimmie Shelton continued on a high plane, being highlighted by the appearance of James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor in the cabinet of President Herbert Hoover, on September 3rd; and on February 25th Sidney Smith, cartoonist, famed as the creator of Andy Gump, furnished the principal entertainment on the program.

On Friday, April 27th, Hugo Burgwald as Chairman of the day, gave one of the most unusual craft programs ever presented to the Los Angeles Club. Ralph Scott, Chief of the City of Los Angeles Fire Department, was the speaker of the day, during which he explained all about the City's fire alarm system; how it worked and how the company was automatically selected to answer each alarm turned in. A model of the system had been previously set up in the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel and near the close of the program the Chief turned in an alarm. Those present at the meeting as well as guests of the hotel, were astonished to have several fire trucks roll up on the ramp of the hotel, within one and one-half minutes of the time the alarm was turned in. The firemen entered the ballroom with their hoses and chemical apparatus but were soon dismissed by Chief Scott. A large crowd had gathered outside the hotel and were no doubt disappointed when the firemen emerged and went back to their stations.

Retiring from his office at the end of April, President Badham had the satisfaction of knowing the Club had completed another satisfactory year. Byron was highly regarded and was a good presiding officer, and the records of the meeting of the Board of Directors are proof of his ability as an executive. Prior to his election to the Presidency of the Rotary Club, he had been President of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

C. H. (Burnie) Burnett, in his presentation of a silver service set to retiring President Badham said in part: "And during the next few months . . . we shall look back to that urbanity and suavity and genial smile which have made contributions to the Milk Fund a pleasure under your administration . . . This gift is intended to symbolize the sterling qualities which you have dedicated to the cause of Rotary, the strength of the ties which bind you to us, and the fragrance of the memories which we will have of your administration."



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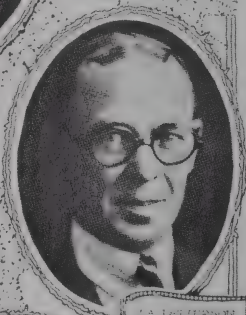
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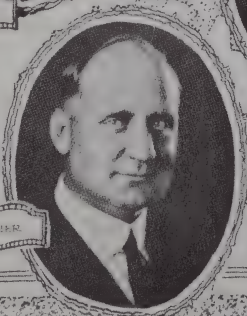
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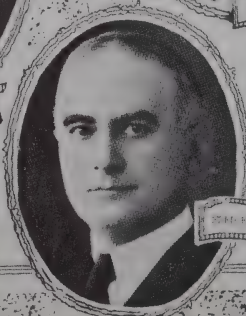
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1927-1928

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VICE-PRESIDENT.....WILLIAM R. KILGORE
SECRETARY.....RICHARD G. WILCOX
TREASURER.....B. W. ROBINSON

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When this administration began on May 1st, 1927, President Shelton in his inaugural address said in part:

... The purpose, principles, standards and ideals of Rotary are fixed, and it is beyond the power or province of any particular administration or any particular group to attempt to materially modify or alter these matters. The effectiveness and efficiency of the organization, however, depends in a measure upon the extent to which the individual possibilities of the club members are coordinated and efficiently directed. My resolve during the coming year insofar as I may have the capacity, is to take and maintain a firm grip upon the rudder of this craft of our and endeavor to keep its course true and its equilibrium stable. I would like to see this club during the coming year give tangible expression in this community through its various activities and contacts, of some of the high principles and ideals for which Rotary stands. Because of these standards, Rotary is in one sense of the word an idealistic organization. On the other hand, I realize that its strength and its power in this and other communities is dependent largely on the fact that its membership is composed of clear visioned, level headed business and professional men rather than theorists. The composition of its membership makes it necessary for us as individuals and as a club to see that we keep our feet firmly on the ground in any activity which we undertake, but this fact should not prevent us from raising our eyes sufficiently from the ground to include in the Rotary picture a bit of the idealism of the distant horizon along with the clear understanding view of the immediate foreground.

The first important change made with the advent of this administration was the separation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and each office was filled by a different individual. B. W. (Robbie) Robinson has the honor of being the first to be elected to look after the Club's finances exclusively.

Community Service, particularly Boys' Work, came in for a considerable amount of attention during this year, and the records reveal that on May 10th, 1927, the Directors voted an increase of \$25.00 for

the months of May and June for milk for the undernourished children of the Brooklyn Avenue School. At the meeting of July 12th, it was voted to contribute \$300.00 toward the Community Boys' Lodge and on October 19th, a resolution was passed to donate \$70.00 to Homer B. (Ratsy) Wright, Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, the amount which had been expended in the campaign for playground bonds. In December \$50.00 per month was donated out of the Milk Fund to the Juvenile Protective Association.

In March, 1928, \$500.00 was presented to the American Red Cross to be used for the relief of the victims of the St. Francis Dam disaster.

When the Settlement House property had been disposed of, in 1925, the proceeds of the sale were added to the Endowment Fund created for the purpose of operating that project. This now amounted to some \$30,000 in money and property, and because the donations that made up the bulk of this fund were asked for and given for a specific purpose, it had never been established that this fund, or the proceeds from it, could be used for any other purpose.

To clarify this situation and to establish the legality of the use of the fund for charitable purposes, President Shelton made a thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding the contributions made when the fund was created and later added to. He was able to find only one instance where any considerable sum of money had been donated for which the donor stipulated that the money was to be used only for the specific purpose of financing the operation of the Settlement House. This was the money given by Henry B. Day, who, at Shelton's request, consented to write the Board of Directors authorizing the use of the money or any interest received therefrom for any charitable purpose the Board might select.

President Shelton then consulted the Trust Department of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, where the trust fund was held, as to the right of the Directors to disperse either the principal or income of the fund. The bank agreed to recognize the Rotary Club of Los Angeles as the owner, with full power vested in the Board of the Club to direct distributions from the fund.

An opinion was also secured from a competent trust attorney confirming this position. The final step thereafter was to report the information and opinions obtained to the Directors. This was done at the meeting of that body on September 13th, 1927.

At the Board meeting of December 13th, a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to study the advisability of revising the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. The members appointed were—Hugo Burgwald, Horace Dunbar, Harry Mason, Lou Guernsey, and Earl Carpenter.

On January 10th, 1927, a resolution was passed providing an additional \$600.00 to be donated to the Community Boys' Lodge on Well-er Street.

It was at this meeting that Director Rich Budelier reported on the work of the Los Angeles Juvenile Court and presented to the Board a request of the Juvenile Court Judge, Robert H. Scott, that the Rotary Club supplement the survey of boys' work that the Club had sponsored during the administration of Horace Dunbar in 1925. It was the suggestion of Judge Scott that a man well qualified to do so be commissioned to bring the survey up to date and make specific recommendations based on the survey and the proposed supplement thereto, relative to juvenile delinquency in this area and to the organization and procedure of the Juvenile Court and the officials and institutions through which it functions.

The Board voted to approve the plan as presented by Director Budelier, and also voted that the Club be asked to approve the raising of \$4,000.00 to defray the expense of the supplemental survey. It was further recommended that the program committee be asked to invite Judge Scott to appear as the speaker on the program of January 20th in order that he could present the plan to the membership.

Judge Scott did speak to the Club on the date suggested and his plan was well received by the members. Immediately following the meeting, a joint meeting of the Directors and the Boys' Work Committee was held, during which it was decided to send a letter to all of the members of the Club asking for contributions to defray the cost of the supplemental survey. The fund was promptly raised by voluntary contributions.

At the Board meeting of March 13th, Director Budelier made a brief report on the work of Mr. Francis H. Hiller, the man selected to make the survey as suggested by Judge Scott, and who was already at work under the direction of the Juvenile Court.

At this meeting the Board received, and accepted with regret, the resignation of J. L. Settles as Executive Secretary.

While the records of the Board meetings reveal a considerable amount of activity in community service, the files of the Rodeo reveal that other departments of the Club life were given close attention by the officers and committeemen, one of which was the publication in February, that for the month of December, Los Angeles stood second in the United States in the attendance column of clubs in the AA Division. The figure given was 90.11%. The club membership also remained quite constant during the year, starting at a total of 309 and closing with 307.

One of the two best programs of the year was the appearance of Count Felix Von Luckner at the meeting of August 26th. The Count was Captain of a German Raider during World War I, and his story of adventures encountered were very thrilling. One of his statements was to the effect that although he had sunk many Allied ships, he never killed an Allied sailor, and treated them as guests while prisoners aboard his ship. Von Luckner was captured in the South Pacific and interned in Australia for the duration of the war.

On January 13th, Gypsy Smith, the world's most famous evangelist, was the speaker of the day and gave a program that only Gypsy could present.

Baseball continued as one of the club fellowship activities during this year, games being played with the Alhambra and San Diego clubs. It was toward the latter part of this year that the idea of a regular ball team was given up as the "businessmen ball players" found it too difficult to keep in condition.

The Rodeo of May 4th, 1928, announced the appointment of G. Russell McCallister as Executive Secretary to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of J. L. Settles. McCallister had previously held the same position with the Rotary Club of Denver, and his selection resulted from his meeting with Shelton at the International Convention in Ostend in 1927. He has remained with the Los Angeles Club since that time.

While attending the Convention of Rotary International at Ostend, Belgium, 1927, President Shelton kept a diary of his trip and of the convention activities. Extracts from this diary were published from time to time in "The Rodeo," and from the issue of August 26th, we quote that part of his report covering the change in the Rotary year.

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"Resolution No. 5 was passed by the convention, and provided for the adoption of a new synchronized time schedule for the election of officers of the clubs and of Rotary International with relation to district conferences, executive meetings and international conventions. It provided a uniform schedule with all clubs electing their officers in April or May, and to take office the following July 1st. It became effective with the officers elected in 1928."

The above resolution again changed the club year, and made it necessary for the officers and directors to serve for fourteen months before they were relieved by their successors. Because of this, President Shelton's final report and swan song did not take place until the meeting of July 6th. After turning the gavel of office over to the incoming President, William R. Kilgore, Past President William Schlosser, on behalf of the membership, presented a platinum watch to the retiring President.

The following is taken from the Rodeo of July 13th:

"A general feeling of regret was evident throughout the Club as Jimmie prepared to leave as presiding officer of our club. Jimmie's ears must have burned at the many remarks of admiration and appreciation of his administration just ended . . . he can well be proud of the success he has made as our President."

Immediately after his last meeting as President, Jimmie left for Riverside and late that same afternoon was married to Miss Anne Jacobson; a happy climax to a very successful year. His ability as a presiding officer and speaker was outstanding, and after his term of office had expired, he was asked to become a candidate for the office of District Governor of the old Second District. This he declined to do as he felt that he could not devote the time which the office would require if elected.

In 1936, after the passing of the Club Treasurer Allin L. Rhodes, Jimmie was elected to that office and he has remained as Treasurer of the Los Angeles Club since that time.

1928-1929

PRESIDENT.....	WILLIAM R. KILGORE
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	DANA H. JONES
SECRETARY.....	HARRY W. WATSON
TREASURER.....	ARTHUR W. McCORD
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LOUIS G. GUERNSEY	CHARLES R. HIXSON
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President Bill's inaugural address was brief and to the point.

"I am not going to try to make a better President than Jimmie along Jimmie's particular line, but I am going to make the Los Angeles Rotary Club the friendliest club in all of Rotary."

Witty and quick in repartee, he always kept his audiences in high good humor and the many tilts between Bill and Hugo Burgwald matching wit with wit brought roars of laughter from the members. His was a happy year and the club's attendance record continued to be high. An item in the August 17th issue of *The Rodeo* stated that the attendance of the Los Angeles Club was in June the highest of all the clubs in the AA division, with a percentage of 83.37.

President Bill, however, did not overlook the serious side of Rotary. The Board of Directors over whom he presided was particularly busy that year and one of the most successful district conferences ever held in the Old District Number Two convened in Los Angeles with the Los Angeles Club acting as host.

At the first meeting of the Directors on August 14th, the committee appointed to handle the survey on juvenile delinquency as suggested by Judge Robert H. Scott of the Juvenile Court during Jimmie Shelton's administration, made its report and submitted a typewritten copy dictated by Frances H. Hiller, Director of the Survey. A copy of the report was sent to Judge Scott and the original copy was filed in the Rotary Office. Judge Scott acknowledged receipt of the report with the following letter:

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"May I express to the Los Angeles Rotary Club the deep appreciation of all of the members of the committee in charge of the juvenile dependency and delinquency section of the Institute of Municipal Administration of the University of South California which closed on August 17th. The institute was attended by nearly one hundred professional social welfare workers who faithfully attended every session, and by one hundred and fifty to two hundred representative and influential men and women from all parts of the County who were present at the dinner and evening sessions. Although this section was only one of twelve sections of the institute, its actual attendance was from one third to one half the total number attending the institute.

If it had not been for the interest and financial help of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, this section would have been impossible. As a result of your assistance and with the cooperation of other citizens interested in children's welfare we have had a remarkable experiment in adult education, which is receiving and will receive nation wide attention, will be reported in some foreign countries by graduate students holding fellowships in this field of study, who attended the conferences and will, in a practical way, be of great benefit to all of our local workers actively engaged in this field.

This inspiration and knowledge which was gained in this institute will result in increased efficiency and improved technique beyond all calculation. The subject matter of the survey which was made by Mr. Hiller under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles was presented clearly, controversial matters were frankly and dispassionately discussed, and the public minded men and women who attended the session will now be able to cooperate wisely in making practical use of the material contained in this survey-report when it is finally available for distribution."

At a later meeting of the Board, the Boys' Work Committee was authorized to distribute five hundred copies of the survey among the various social agencies which could derive benefit from its study and use.

At the suggestion of L. N. (Slate) Slater, Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, the Board voted \$150.00 per month for a period of nine months to the Community Boys' Lodge, the home for transient boys. \$200.00 was voted for the support of International Boys' Week; the donation from the Milk Fund to the Children's Protective Association was increased to \$75.00 per month, and a much needed radio set and loud speaker system was ordered installed in the Whittier State School.

On December 11th, a letter was received by the Board from Paul Dietrich, containing a suggestion that has led up to becoming one of the club's most humane activities, the helping of little crippled children. Paul suggested that a committee on Crippled Children's work be added to the list of committees having to do with community service. This was submitted to the membership for its approval and the club voted to sponsor the work. Lawrence Frank has for several years served untiringly and energetically either as Chairman of or a member of this Committee.

Early in January the Directors received a communication from the Junior Chamber of Commerce asking its cooperation in finding among the home of Rotary members lodging for a group of one hundred and sixty boys who were coming to Los Angeles for a ten day stay. These boys, between the ages of fourteen and eighteen and all from selected families in various cities of Australia, were members of the Young Australia League, an organization whose aims were for the highest development of the best of Australian youth. Education gained from travel was an important part of its schedule and there had been interesting and informative trips in previous years, once a tour of the world, again a journey through the United States and Canada, and at another time, a trip through the British Isles, France, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. This year they were again to visit the United States. They arrived here the last of January and for eight days were quartered at the homes of the various Service Club members in the city. They were taken on tours about Los Angeles and its environs to learn of Southern California's industries, agriculture and educational institutions. The last two days of their stay were spent at fraternity houses of the various colleges and universities here.

At the end of their visit, the Rotary Club sponsored a dinner for the party in the Chamber of Commerce banquet room. President Bill's announcement that there would be no speeches brought enthusiastic cheers from the boys, and after the dinner, they enjoyed a program of songs and vaudeville and were particularly entertained by the magic of Dick Wilcox, one of our very enthusiastic members. Present from the other service clubs were Percy Wood, President of the Lions Club, Edward Schenkle of the Round Table, Dr. Edward Patton of the Altrurians, and Robert Dorton of the Foreign Trade School.

At the first meeting after the departure of the boys, the Directors voted the sum of \$1175.00 to defray the expenses of entertaining these Australian guests.

At the last meeting of the Directors on June 11th, Jimmie Shelton, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported on the proposed changes in the By-laws to make them conform with the Aims and Objects plan of Rotary International. Shelton was asked to prepare these changes for printing, after which they were to be published in "The Rodeo" and a copy sent to each member for study. Later the Club voted to accept the changes submitted.

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On December 11th, 1928, District Governor Herb Harris of the Whittier Rotary Club, attended the meeting of the Directors and officially accepted the invitation of the Club to hold the District Conference in Los Angeles. At this meeting the plans for the Conference were discussed and Jimmie Shelton was appointed Chairman of the host club conference executive committee. The dates for the Conference were set for April 18th, 19th, and 20th. The Los Angeles Biltmore was selected as headquarters and the sessions were to be held at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

The plans for the conference were well drawn and an excellent program arranged. It was one of the most successful and best attended conferences of the old Second District. It listed on the program some of the best speakers in Rotary. Heading this list was International President I. B. (Tom) Sutton of Mexico City, followed by Past International President Crawford McCullough of Fort William, Ontario, Canada, and Past International President Harry Rogers of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Other speakers of note were District Governor Herbert E. Harris of Whittier, Past District Governor H. J. (Bru) Brunnier of San Francisco, James A. Johnson, President of the San Francisco Rotary Club, Tully Knowles, President of the College of the Pacific, E. B. DeGroot, and Dr. Bruce Baxter, both of Los Angeles.

Prior to the date of the Conference, there had been much discussion concerning the advisability of dividing the Second District since it was one of the largest, if not the largest, in the Rotary world. These discussions had become so numerous that District Governor Harris appointed a committee to meet at this Conference for the purpose of making a study of the question and asked that a report on it be rendered on the floor of the Conference before the closing day. The committee appointed consisted principally of past district governors, some of whom were in favor of, and had planned on dividing the District. Among those opposed to the division of the District was Past District Governor Paul Rieger of San Francisco. For some time during the meeting of the committee he alone presented all the arguments against changing the present district boundaries until Past District Governor John R. (Jack) Williams of Long Beach was called on by Chairman Bru Brunnier for his opinion. Jack Williams said:

"Who are we, a group of past district governors, to set ourselves up as a star chamber to dictate policies and pass upon them? The only way to do this is to get the voice of the Rotarians in this district as a referendum. They are the men who have a voice in the matter."

Past District Governor Leslie S. Everts of San Diego here jumped to his feet and said,

"You know — well if this is put to a vote in the district it will never split." "All right," replied Williams, " if Rotary is a democratic organization as we claim it to be, the voice of the majority should rule."

With these few well chosen words, Jack Williams had preserved the District, and Bru Brunnier reported to the Conference that the sentiment of the committee was that the matter be submitted to a vote of the Rotarians of the District.

Following the Conference a poll was taken and the sentiment of the Club was reported as unfavorable to dividing the District (the Los Angeles Club voting with the majority) and so it remained as it was.

When the District was finally broken up in 1937, no such consideration was given the Clubs and the members affected. The story covering this will be related in the chapter covering the year 1936-37.

The Fourteenth District Conference was concluded by the Ball held in the new "Sala de Oro" of the Biltmore Hotel. Thousands attended. The final registration of the Conference was given at 4,437, the original budget having been based on about 3,000. It will long be remembered by those in attendance as one of the finest of Rotary meetings, and by far the largest on record for the year with the exception of the Rotary International Convention held in Dallas, Texas, the following month.

On April 19th, and during the District Conference, the Oakland and Los Angeles Clubs held a joint meeting with President Kilgore of Los Angeles and President George Marwidell of Oakland acting jointly as presiding officers. Past International President Harry Rogers was an honored guest. The meeting was given over entirely to lighter entertainment and fun and both presiding officers added wit and humor. Jose Arias and his artists entertained with music and dancing. This was Young Wilhoite's report of the meeting:

"When either the Los Angeles or Oakland Clubs undertake to put on a meeting separately, it goes without saying that it will be a success. But when these two clubs put on a joint meeting such as we had Friday, O Boy! What a meeting that was! And when those two masters, President Bill and President Marwidell both undertake to be Master of Ceremonies, the audience is in for a good time."

Two other items of this year are worthy of note.

Early in this administrative year, President Bill suggested the plan of inviting the President of the Student Body of one of the universities

as a guest member for one year. This was held over for a time, but it later became the custom to alternate the extension of these invitations between the different universities and in late years invitations were extended simultaneously to the Student Body Presidents of the University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, and Occidental.

In "The Rodeo" of September 14th, 1928, there appeared an article by John C. Forbes on "The Class on Oratory." This was a public speaking class composed of twenty-five Rotarians with Father Joe Sullivan, President of Loyola University, as the principal instructor. The class was conducted for fifteen weeks to a successful conclusion. The purpose of this class was to develop speakers in our own club who would work through the Speakers' Bureau and furnish programs for other Rotary Clubs in this section.

At the final meeting of the administration, after the retiring President had given his report and had presented the gavel of office to incoming President Dana H. Jones, Hugo Burgwald was called upon for a few remarks. On this occasion Hugo took particular delight in telling all of the faults and shortcomings of "the man who had just stepped down from the highest office of the Club, and to which, for the sake of the Club, he should never have been elected. I suppose, however, that he must have had a few good qualities — just enough to qualify him for membership in the ranks of the Past Presidents." Then for a few brief moments he became serious and complimentary and told Kilgore that he had been an excellent President and that it was his pleasure to present to him on behalf of the membership, a beautiful platinum watch. He called attention particularly to the sentiment engraved thereon, which he read aloud—

To W. R. "Bill" Kilgore
Our Friendly President
1928-1929

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors of Kilgore's administration on August 14th, 1928, the report on membership showed 306 active and 4 Honorary members. At the end of the Club year the active members numbered 302 and the Honorary members 4.

1929-1930

PRESIDENT.....	DANA H. JONES
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	HARRY B. TUTTLE
SECRETARY.....	HARRY W. WATSON
TREASURER.....	GOMER M. THOMAS
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	BRUCE R. BAXTER

DIRECTORS:

WALTER C. DAY	EDWARD B. DeGROOT
HERBERT A. ECCLESTONE	LOUIS G. GUERNSEY
CHARLES R. HIXSON	C. HARRY KAY
GEORGE P. SALM	

Dana H. Jones started his year as president of Rotary during one of the greatest speculative booms the country had ever known, and before his term was ended, financial chaos had descended on commerce and industry and one of the severest depressions in history had started. Most people were affected directly by the collapse of the stock market in the fall of 1929, and its impact was clearly felt in the Los Angeles Rotary Club in the period immediately following, and for the several years thereafter. In view of these circumstances, it is interesting to note that the membership during that administration remained constant — ending the year with 301 members which was the same number included on the roll at the beginning of the year.

However, Dana started his year without premonition of the difficulties he was to encounter, and at his first meeting, outlined and explained the new method of organization for the club's committees known as the Aims and Objects plan. Following this, twenty-three committees started the year's activities under the new outline.

Heading up these committees were many members, who at the time of this writing, are still active in the club's affairs. Among these were Dick Wilcox, editor of "The Rodeo"; Bob Heffner, Luncheon Committee; Harry Watson, perennial chairman of the Milk Fund Committee; Morris Pendleton, George Montgomery, Jim Cannon, Ed DeGroot, Paul Ditrich, Hugo Burgwald, Harry Anderson and Manse Manspeaker.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, a discussion was held as to the manner of appointing the nominating committee for the selection of candidates for officers and directors of the club. After considering the matter, the Board acted to give authority to the president



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Walter C. Day
Director



Edward B. DeGroot
Director



George F. Salm
Director



Harry B. Tuttle
Vice President



Dana H. Jones
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Harry W. Watson
Secretary



Homer M. Thomas
Treasurer



Bruce R. Baxter
Sergeant at Arms



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Herbert A. Ecclestone
Director

to appoint a committee of the Board to investigate ways and means of developing the proper procedure in this matter. The views and comments of the club membership were to be obtained by this committee.

In December of that year, the committee submitted a plan for the election of nominating committees in the Los Angeles Club, and it was accepted by the Board for submission to the membership at large. The plan provided for the election of nine members of the club to a nominating committee, which committee would in turn submit nominations for the office of president, vice-president, secretary, and Board of Directors to the membership at large. These nominees would then be voted on at a subsequent meeting.

The amendment was submitted to the club by Jimmie Shelton at a regular meeting on January 10th. The January 14th meeting of the Board then held a further discussion, and the amendment was accepted by unanimous vote of the membership on January 24th.

The new by-law provided a great improvement in the method of selecting club officers, as compared to earlier procedures, and has continued to be the rule, with only minor changes up to this present date.

The numerous activities of the club proceeded at a good pace under the leadership of the new officers. During this administration, Boys' Work activities took a new turn and were centered largely in providing assistance to the Community Boys' Lodge located at 827 Boston Street. In December, 1929, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$500.00 by the Boys' Work Committee to be used for providing new furnishings for the lodge. At that time, they recommended that the committee prepare a plan to finance the balance of the requirements for this project.

In May, 1930, the Boys' Work Committee submitted its report and the Board of Directors took further action by appropriating an additional \$1500.00 to assist the Boys' lodge in meeting its present requirements and to clear existing deficits.

A new committee appointed during the administration was The International Relations Committee which was established in February, 1930. James G. Warren was its chairman.

An interesting development arose early in Dana's administration when efforts were made to launch a new service club in the city under the name of NEWROTARY CLUB. At the October meeting of the Directors, a letter was drafted for transmittal to the charter members of the proposed club advising them of their infringement on the rights of Rotary International in the adoption of this name. As a result of this

action, the new club advised our board that it had changed its name to the S.E.O. Club closing this matter satisfactorily.

Another effort at club singing was made early in the year, and Hugo Kirchhofer was brought to the club as a song leader. However, in August, this weekly task was taken over by Henry Burgeson who has carried on since then and until his election as vice-president of the club.

The club programs during the year included quite a few prominent speakers and were particularly noticeable for the large number who came from foreign countries. Included among such speakers were Mr. John G. Falkenrath of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Herr Wolf Von Dewall, Editor of Frankfurt Zeitung, Frankfurt, Germany whose subject was "The Struggle for Peace;" Professor August Lange, a Rotarian of Klagenfurt, Austria. Other interesting speakers included Honorable C. C. Young, governor of the state of California; Doctor Ng Poon Chew, Managing Editor of the Chinese Daily Newspaper of San Francisco; John Brown, founder and first president of the John Brown schools in Arkansas.

Harry Lauder was also scheduled as principal speaker at one of the regular meetings. He was not able to appear and "Bee" Behmyer took his place. The Rodeo made the following comments regarding the meeting:

"Most of us would consider it a pretty large order to fill the place of Sir Harry Lauder who was unable to come to Friday's meeting as scheduled, but Bee Behmyer did it so well that the audience stood up and gave him a prolonged applause when he finished."

The 25th anniversary of Rotary International was also celebrated during this administration, the program being handled by Ed Uhl, then a member of the Los Angeles club and a former member of the Chicago club.

After many years of activity in Rotary, Al Roth, a member of the Palo Alto club and comptroller of Stanford University, was put in nomination for the presidency of Rotary International by his club. The Los Angeles club took an active interest in the promotion of this candidacy, and the Board assisted the Palo Alto club in defraying the expenses incurred in this effort.

In March, 1930, the Third Pacific Rotary Conference was held in Sidney, Australia. Delegates were sent from clubs in the South American countries bordering on the Pacific, from the West Coast clubs of the United States and Canada, and from Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, Harry Watson, then Secretary of the Los Angeles club, acted as the club delegate at this meeting.

Dana Jones' administration was marked by a broad range of interest in all of the club's activities. Regular tournaments were held under the auspices of both the golf and the bowling teams. There was excellent attendance at the Round Table which was transferred from the Pig 'n Whistle to the Alexandria Hotel during this period. There was a well attended ladies night party given in the Music Room of the Biltmore Hotel. Toward the end of the administration, the annual members outing known as the "Rodeo" was held at the Uplifters Club. A strenuous and apparently crippling game of regulation baseball was played. Many races, golf driving contests, and such other sport events took place during the afternoon, and a large open-air steak dinner was provided in the early evening. This event continued to be one of the main annual affairs of the club for quite a few years.

The club also carried on its community service activities and the reports in the Rodeo indicate various meetings of committees and of the club as a whole supported civic projects such as the Community Chest, the Metropolitan Water District bond issue, and others of a similar nature.

As a tribute to the club and its officers during this year, Dana Jones was selected to conduct one of the assemblies of the International Community Service committee at the International convention held in Chicago that year. He was assisted by Ed DeGroot in working up and carrying out this program.

At the final meeting of the year, Clint Miller gave expression of the club's appreciation of Dana's efforts as its president. Concrete evidence of this appreciation was presented to Dana in the form of four books suited to a collector's library. One was an extremely rare work of Chaucer printed by George Bishop of London in 1602; the second, a small volume written by William Morris and printed by his famous Kelmscott Press; the third, a book entitled "Areopagitica; A Speech of Mr. John Milton for the Liberty of Unlicenc'd Printing to the Parliament of England"; and the fourth, a scarce first edition by William Blades entitled, "The Enemies of Books."

Dana Jones, although a young man in years, handled the administrative affairs of the club with clear vision and excellent judgment. He conducted the meetings with a mixture of fine courtesy and subtle humor. Despite the economic upheaval which occurred during his year, the club under his leadership, progressed in an orderly and satisfactory manner.

1930-1931

PRESIDENT.....	E. B. DeGROOT
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	R. A. HEFFNER
SECRETARY.....	H. W. WATSON
TREASURER.....	WM. BURKE
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	A. D. CRANSTOUN

DIRECTORS:

H. M. BURGESON	W. C. DAY
JAS. B. DUFFY	HARRY LAWSON
A. P. PRATT	GEORGE P. SALM
H. B. WRIGHT	

With the nation-wide depression deepening each day, the new administration headed by Ed DeGroot took up the different task of maintaining the club membership and activities at normal during the year to come. Ed returned from the International convention held in Chicago that year to preside at his first meeting on July 11th. He reported among other matters, the election of Al Roth to the presidency of Rotary International, a successful culmination of the efforts of western clubs, including Los Angeles, in his behalf. Immediate past president Dana Jones and delegate Jimmie Shelton also reported on other activities of the convention.

After this initial meeting, Ed again left to attend the annual Presidents' and Secretaries' Conference at Santa Barbara on which occasion he made one of the outstanding addresses of the meeting.

Back after the conference, Ed discussed before the club at the August 1st meeting, his policies and plans for the coming year. He concluded his statement of a definite and practical program with the following words:

"Don't get the idea that this is to be a reform administration or high-brow. No. Let's keep it down to brass tacks, keep both feet on the ground, but let's strive to render greater service to our membership. Let's make the relationship of this club to the community such that the community will be a better place to live in because of this Rotary Club."

The budget for the year adopted by the Board of Directors in August included two major items of community service in the amounts of \$1200.00 for use of the Milk Fund Committee, and \$1000.00 for Boys' Work activities. Because of Ed DeGroot's knowledge of boys' activities in the community through his work as Chief Executive, Boy Scouts of



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Secretary



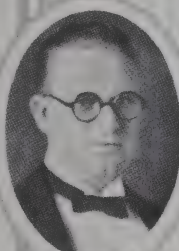
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America, the money for boys' work was allocated to a few essential needs and activities. Included was a contribution of \$200.00 for National Boys' Week activities.

Continued service to the Community Boys' Lodge was maintained through visitation, counseling, and a gift of \$500.00 included in the total previously mentioned. Guidance of transient youth and aid in handling Juvenile Court cases was also undertaken by these committees. One of the principal single efforts made was the furnishing of a completed administration building for the Boy Scout camp in the Hollywood Hills.

A contribution of \$300.00 was also made by the club for use in the Russian-Ukrainian Civic Center, a project initiated by the Better American Federation of California.

Despite conditions arising from the increasing economic difficulties existing, about three thousand visiting Rotarians attended the regular club meetings during that year. Also, the daily attendance at the Round Table averaged about 15 members. And another indication of the excellent condition of the club was evidenced by the increase in membership from 304 in July, 1930 to 318 by June, 1931.

Early in this administration Art Lockhart was appointed Editor of the Rodeo. Art brought to the publication previous experience, a thorough knowledge and definite views of Rotary, all of which found their way into the news and editorial columns of the paper. His pointed paragraphs and often caustic comments gave spice and life to the publication and greatly increased its value to and influence with the membership of the club.

The musical programs had been improving during the several previous years and reached a point of high perfection during this administration. This was due principally to the efforts of Bee Behymer, for years a leading figure in musical circles in Los Angeles, and of Glenn Tindall, Manager of the Hollywood Bowl Association and Supervisor of Municipal Music of the City of Los Angeles. Many world famous musicians appeared before the club under the sponsorship of one or the other of these two club members.

Among those appearing on the musical programs was Miss Georgia Stark. She sang at a club meeting soon after completing her studies in Europe which had been partially financed by members of the Los Angeles Club.

The calibre of the programs maintained a high standard with many prominent speakers. One of the high lights of the year was a talk by J. C. Penney, chairman of the board and founder of the J. C. Penney Company chainstores. He was also nationally known for his activities in behalf of the church and his many philanthropies.

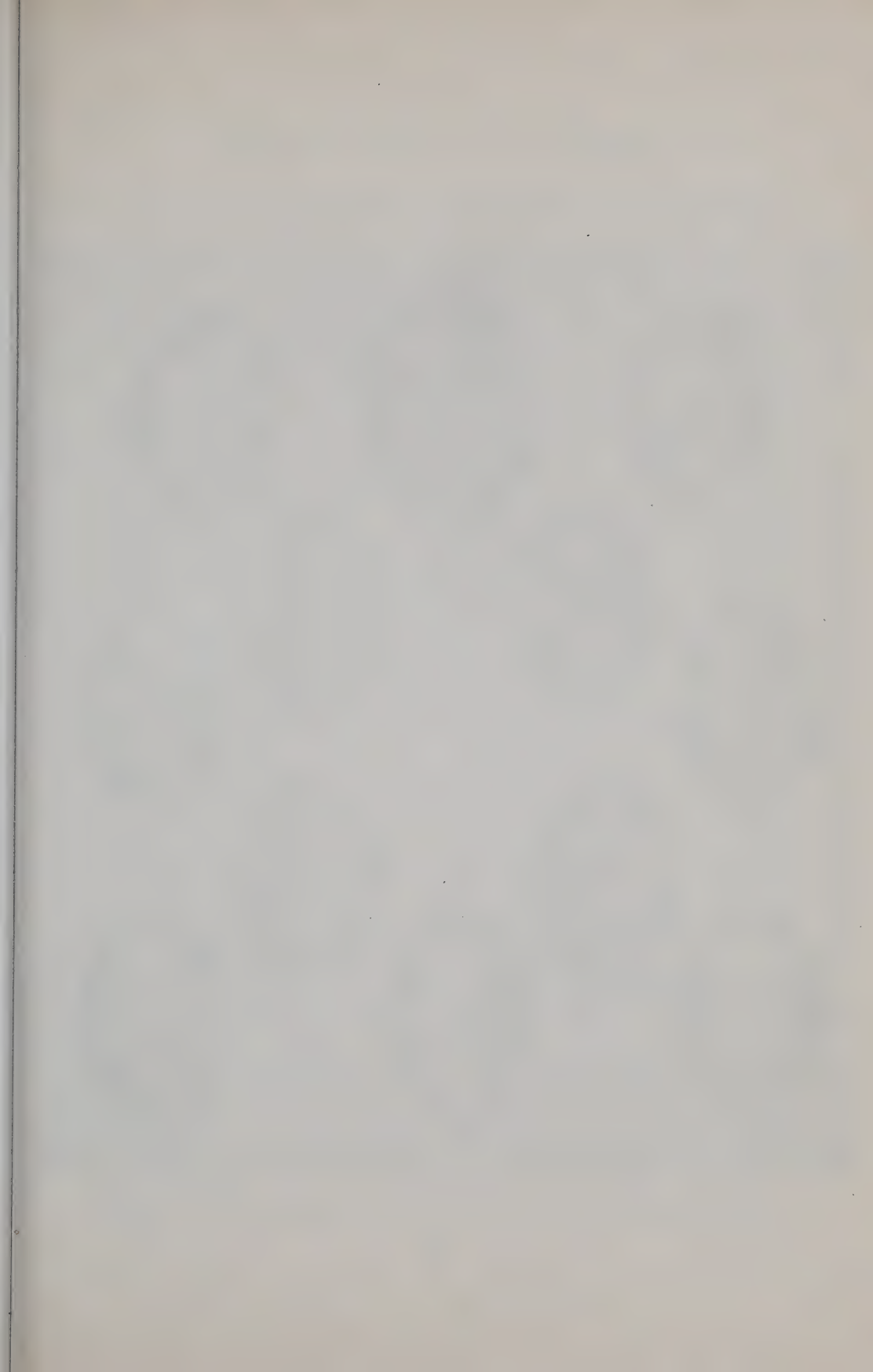
It was during this administration that active work under consideration the previous year was started in the field of crippled children's work under the auspices of the committee headed by Waldo Spiers. Jacob S. Engel, President of the Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children addressed a regular club meeting in August and gave this new activity its first impetus. This later became one of the leading activities of the Los Angeles Club and obtained far reaching results in providing state and county aid in this field of child welfare work.

During this administration, Crombie Allen presented a plan for annual International oratorical or essay contests looking toward the furtherance of the then sixth object of Rotary. Crombie offered an endowment of \$1000.00, the interest from which was to be used as awards for the winners of this contest. This suggestion was accepted and adopted by the Board along with the gift to carry it out, contingent on acceptance of details to be submitted at a later date by Crombie. However, these were not available before the end of the year and final action was transmitted to the next administration.

The Speakers Bureau of the club was very active during this year. Twenty-three members of the Los Angeles Rotary made 83 talks to 44 clubs in the Southern California territory.

The Community Chest Committee also took an active part in the Los Angeles Chest Campaign.

In January, 1931 the Directors voted approval of action granting permission to the Rotary Club of Hollywood to make a survey of the Wilshire-La Brea District for the establishing of a Rotary Club in that territory. Conditions were found to be favorable and a charter was granted for a new club to be known as the Wilshire Rotary Club. Charter Night was set for the last week in June of 1932 which was at the end of the next Rotary year, but was finally not held until Friday, July 15th. Members of the Los Angeles Club, including Bruce Baxter, Roy Wilcox and Martin Hauser took an active part in the charter presentation.





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Because of his desire to increase the knowledge of Rotary among the members, Ed compiled and presented to them an "Illumination of the Aims and Objects Plan".

Ed DeGroot gave the club an able administration. While his efforts were devoted to all club activities, he gave particular emphasis to those dealing with community affairs. Art Lockhart gave him the following tribute in the last issue of the RODEO for that administration:

"That this has been a successful year in our club is the common report. Detailed proof of the fine accomplishments of the club through its officials and numerous committees is contained in a complete but concise report recently issued. The report itself reflects the thoroughness with which our president does things.

Undoubtedly each Rotary administration has its outstanding strong points, I think that a summary will show that President Ed developed during the fiscal year about to end, many strong points, personally and clubwise. Ed is a hard worker, an able, though amiable leader. His handiwork during the past Rotary year will not soon be forgotten."

Ed gave his final report of the club activities for the year at the meeting of June 26, 1931. He was presented with a beautiful watch by Clint Miller who also paid tribute to Ed DeGroot as a fine leader and an excellent representative of Rotary.

1931-1932

PRESIDENT.....	ROBERT A. HEFFNER
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	ROY F. WILCOX
SECRETARY.....	L. P. BERGMAN
TREASURER.....	DUDLEY M. DORMAN

DIRECTORS:

ADMIRAL F. BORDEN	JAMES B. DUFFY
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HARRY W. LAWSON	ARTHUR P. PRATT
HENRY M. BURGESSON	

President Bob started his year with a promise to carry on in the tradition of Rotary, and to turn the club over to his successor as he had found it, an active force in the life of its members and the community.

One of the first actions taken by the new Board of Directors was the adoption of a statement:

"that it is general policy of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles that it does not endorse resolutions of a civic, charitable or political nature".

This policy prevailed for many years in determining the action of the club in regard to similar requests made on the club.

Another action of interest taken by the Directors early in this administration was the adoption of a motion:

"that the Rotary Club roster be not used by members in the soliciting of members, or by addressing members as 'Dear Rotarian' or signing as 'Rotarily yours' among members, and that a notice of this resolution be printed in the "Rodeo".

And another motion which was expected to effect the quality of the club membership was passed at the same meeting stating:

"that it be the sense of the Board of Directors that men of executive office only should be admitted to membership and that no classification should be opened for one man, but (that it should be opened rather) for the best representation in the classification opened, and that this (motion) should be transmitted to the Classification Committee for their information and guidance."

That year's budget was set up with an estimated income of \$23,700.00 and estimated disbursements of \$22,810.00. The Program Committee was allocated \$750.00 with an additional amount of \$500.00 set up for the Music Committee. Current operating expenses took up a major portion of the funds paid into the club treasury, these including secretaries' salaries, roster, Rodeo, badges, good samaritan, international dues, etc. Included were the amounts set up for charitable purposes totaling approximately \$4000.00. This was exclusive of personal donations of money and goods donated by members for these same purposes.

It was during this period that the Congress of the United States adopted the "Star Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem, and the directors recommended to the Program Committee that it be sung regularly at the opening of the weekly meetings of the club.

Further action was taken by this Board in connection with an endowment set up by Crombie Allen in the previous administration. A committee known as the Crombie Allen Endowment Committee was established, which committee was empowered to carry out the purpose and intent of the founder of the endowment. The directors appointed Charles Bent as first chairman of this committee but he was unable to accept the appointment. Dana Jones was subsequently appointed and he presented a report outlining the activities of this committee which was adopted by the Board. It was decided that the contest would be known as the "Crombie Allen Rotary International Peace Contest". The contest was to be between students of southern California institutions and the subject mat-

ter of addresses was to be the "Sixth Object of Rotary International" and was to be limited to 1500 words.

During the year boys' work was carried forward in many directions under the able chairmanship of Morris Pendleton. The All Nations Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Community Boys' Lodge, Y.M.C.A. Summer Camp and International Boys' Week were all included in the group of boys' activities participated in by this committee. An additional amount of \$1250.00, not included in the budget, was set up to be spent by the committee in its work.

On December 8, 1931, the Directors gave unanimous approval to the formation of a Presidents' Council of Los Angeles Service Clubs. The presidents of other clubs joined the council and matters of mutual interests were discussed and many beneficial actions were taken. Among other things, this group took over the handling of the opening Community Chest meeting held annually at the beginning of each campaign. After several years, the organization became known as the Service Clubs Council and members other than the president were appointed to serve for each club belonging to the council.

It was during this administration that the executive office of the club was moved from the Citizens National Bank Building to the Biltmore Hotel. The move permitted a much more general use of the offices of the club by various committees and officers in the performance of club business.

Because of financial conditions existing at this period of the depression, there was considerable activity on the part of the Student Loan Committee in aiding students to complete their courses in the local universities. In December of that year, Mr. Henry Bruce, Comptroller of the University of Southern California, and Mr. Charles Dodds, Assistant Comptroller of the University of California at Los Angeles, appeared before the directors to present plans and procedure followed by three schools in connection with the granting of student loans. After a discussion by the Board, the sum of \$3000.00 was transferred from the general fund to the Student Loan Committee. A plan was also approved by the Board for submission to the membership as a whole which provided for the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the Trust Fund to be used for student loans over a four year period beginning July 1, 1937. Action on this plan was, however, postponed several times and carried over as unfinished business to the following administration.

It was during this administration that the Board proposed the nomination of Ed DeGroot as a Director of Rotary International; Ed later determined that his duties in the Boy Scout organization would not permit him to run.

One change in the by-laws of the club was made as a result of pressure arising from depression conditions which reduced the dues from \$5.00 to \$4.00 per month. Other evidences of the severity of the depression appears in the club records of that year. The club was called on many times to render aid for such special groups as the Community Chest and the Salvation Army, and individual members of the club were given direct financial assistance during this period. The loss of twelve members was also directly due to the existing conditions.

In February, 1932, the Board made available funds to the extent of \$1000.00 to the Crippled Children's Committee to carry on the work of the Los Angeles County Chapter for Crippled Children. This money was in the form of a loan which was to be returned to the Club when sufficient funds were received from other sources. Starting May 1st and monthly thereafter until the close of this administration, \$250.00 was advanced to the Society for Crippled Children.

Throughout the year, President Bob invited the chairmen of several committees to each meeting of the Board, at which time these members would discuss their plans and obtain such advice or financial assistance as was needed.

Early in the new administration, Ed DeGroot was appointed to the chairmanship of the Boys' Work Committee of Rotary International. This was an acknowledgment of his fine work in this phase of Rotary activity during his year as president of the Los Angeles Club.

The Inter-City Committee was one of those which carried on with great activity through the year. Visits were arranged with fifteen other clubs.

On Friday, August 28th, Harry Watson and Bergie Bergman reported on the International Convention held in Vienna, Austria. Six members of the club were in attendance at the Convention.

In September, Governor James Rolph, Jr. was scheduled to be the principal speaker. However, he was not able to attend and Lieut. Governor Merriam spoke in his place.

Another interesting speaker was Dr. Fong Foo Sec, President of the Rotary Club of Shanghai and English editor of the Commercial Press.

He had degrees from the University of California and Columbia University.

Early in the fall, Jim Shelton appeared before the club with a talk entitled "Courage Under Fire". Coming in the depth of the depression, it was received with great acclaim and was later given by Jim at other Rotary gatherings.

Mrs. Robert A. Heffner was the principal speaker in February, talking to the club about "The Southern California Legal Aid Clinic and its share in Community Service".

The Salvation Army provided a splendid program for the club on the occasion of the visit of General Higgins, International Commander of the Salvation Army, to Southern California. Among those introduced at the meeting were Charles Toll, Rabbi Magnin, Lieut. Governor Merriam, H. W. O'Melveny, Mayor John C. Porter and A. Schleicher, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The first winner of the oratorical contests carried on under the auspices of the new Crombie Allen Award spoke before the club on May 6, 1932. Introduced by the committee chairman, Dana Jones, the speaker, Worth Bernard, gave "a dissertation on the Sixth Object of Rotary that was truly food for thought" — (as reported in the following week's Rodeo).

Among other interesting speakers to appear before the club during that year were W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Sir Charles Mander, Director of Rotary International from Wolverhampton, England; Dick Hyland on a football day program; Cecil Allen and Don Mayle who flew the Pacific from Tokyo to Tacoma; and Charles T. Johnson, Treasurer of the State of California.

During the year, club activities were carried on with continued enthusiasm despite depression conditions. Golf tournaments were held each month and from time to time the fishermen of the club posted notices in the Rodeo of coming events.

And throughout, Bob Heffner was a competent and gracious leader and host. His demoter was able to say many fine things about him and his administration at his final meeting on July 8th at which time he was given a Silver Service Set as a remembrance from the club for work well done, and it also being his 25th wedding anniversary.

1932-1933

PRESIDENT.....	LOUIS G. GUERNSEY
VICE-PRESIDENT.....	GEORGE E. MONTGOMERY
SECRETARY.....	WILLIAM H. CORMACK
TREASURER.....	ALLIN L. RHODES
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C. O. MANSPEAKER	*WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS

Before taking over the gavel of office, and in a discussion of the continuing world depression, Lou Guernsey said to Vice-President George Montgomery:

"These are trying days for all our members, and if I can bring a smile to the faces of the fellows at each Friday's meeting throughout the year, I shall feel that I have really accomplished something worthwhile during my term as President."

At the first meeting at which he presided, he said:

"This administration is engaged in the serious business of trying to make men happy — it is my belief that when you make men happy, you make better men in every walk of life. . . . Rotary is just a plan to get good everyday garden variety of folks togethr once a week to give them a real appreciation of the greatest thing in life — friendship."

To fulfill that philosophy, Lou worked closely with program chairman George Montgomery, and the programs that year were unusually good; not one could be described as poor. And Lou is justly proud of the fact that his year saw the two largest meetings of the Los Angeles Rotary Club ever to be held up to that time. At one of these meetings, many people were turned away because of lack of room.

The first of these large meetings was on July 29, 1932. President Herbert Hoover was unable to visit Los Angeles for the opening of the Olympic Games, so he asked Vice-President Charles H. Curtis to represent him. The Vice-President and many other notable people attended the Rotary meeting that day. Amelia Earhart was one of the guests, and Vice-President Curtis told his audience that one of the purposes of his trip to Los Angeles was to present to Miss Earhart the Distinguished Flying Cross for being the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

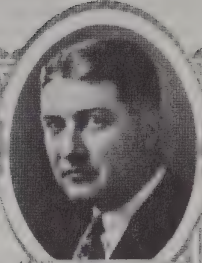
*William R. (Bill) Williams was elected by the Directors to fill the vacancy left by the sudden death of Director Wright on November 11.



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Vice President



Louis G. Guernsey
President



William H. Cormack
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C. O. Manspeaker
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Admiral F. Borden
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Edward F. Durbin
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We are quoting below, a portion of the editorial by Harry Haake in the Rodeo of August 5.

"Members of the Los Angeles Rotary Club will all feel proud of the part their club has taken in the successful opening of the Xth Olympic Games, while acting as hosts to the distinguished gatherings at noon meeting last Friday. Such an assembly of the nation's leading men and women seldom occurs outside of Washington, D.C. . . . And we must express our pleasures to Vice President Curtis, Amelia Earhart, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Jahnke, Admiral Schofield, Governor Rolph of California, Governor Frank B. Balzer of Nevada, Lieut. Gov. Merriam of California, Mayor John C. Porter, and the many other guests present, in their company."

Other introductions were John Mott, Mr. George Putnam, Rabbi Magnin, Bishop Stevens, John Cawley, Harry Chandler, and Tom Mix.

And from the pen of Art Lockhart in the same issue:

"And say, fellows, didn't our Lou disport himself beautifully on occasion of his first really big meeting? He was perfectly composed, said the right word at the right time, and proved himself no novice in such matters."

The next big meeting of the year came just two weeks later on August 12. On this occasion, the club had as its guests officials and athletes from the tenth Olympiad. These included Count Bailett-Latour of Belgium, President of the International Olympic committee and the principle speaker on the program, William May Garland, Los Angeles business man and civic leader who led the movement to bring the Olympic Games to Los Angeles, and Avery Brundage, President of the Amateur Athletic Union. Also present were nineteen members of International and National Olympic committees, and five other Olympic officials.

The athletes present included champions from all over the world, each a champion in his own country in the event in which he competed at this Olympiad. Many of them were world record holders. Those best known from our own country were Georgia Coleman, Mickey Riley, and Helene Madison.

There were present a total of fifty-eight athletes, representing eight of the fourteen branches of sports, who took part in thirty-six different events. These great athletes were from twenty-four nations, including Austria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Switzerland, Sweden, and the United States.

The total number of guests, all of whom were introduced, was eighty-six. The meeting was broadcast over Station K.F.W.B.

On November 11, the guest of honor was International President Clinton P. Anderson, who spoke for thirty minutes on the subject of "The Talent for Rotary."

Other interesting personalities who addressed the club were Lieutenant Colonel C. Seymour Bullock whose subject was "Is Liberty Worth Preserving." Elsie Janis, more popular than ever after her entertainment of our soldiers overseas during the war, was the guest of honor at a Ladies' Day luncheon and Rear Admiral W. S. Crossley, U.S.N. spoke on "Uncle Sam Afloat."

While the club was enjoying this excellent year of programs, the other activities of Rotary continued "behind the scenes" in committee activities and in the meetings of the Directors. This governing body continued to look after the business of the club, and directing and appropriating funds for the various community service activities, most of which had followed the pattern of recent years.

Appropriations for community service were:

Boys' Work Committee.....	\$2000.00
Milk Fund Committee	1500.00
Crippled Children's Committee.....	300.00
Student Loan Committee	1000.00

In the field of Boys' Work, Harry Henderson reported on the completion of the well equipped handicraft cabin in the Little Green Valley Camp of the Y.M.C.A., situated midway between Big Bear and Arrowhead Lakes in the San Bernardino Mountains. This cabin, described by Harry as the latest achievement of the Boys Work Committee of the Los Angeles Rotary Club is one unit of the camp, and is for the education and amusement of the boys attending the camp. It is a very substantial building with a roof designed to withstand the weight of winter snow. Work benches run around the walls of the interior, and a huge fireplace is one of the features. The construction was supervised by Mr. W. J. Moran, who built the recreation hall at Camp Arthur Letts. He is an enthusiast of boys work and through his generosity, the cabin cost half of what it would have cost if built by a disinterested contractor. Many members of the Los Angeles club made donations individually toward its building.

In the issue of the Rodeo of September 30, 1933, Teddy Mercier reported that the September issue of the Ladies Home Journal carried an article by Maxine Davis entitled "Two Hundred Thousand Vagabond Children." In this article, Mrs. Davis pointed to the Community Boys' Lodge in Los Angeles as operating one of the most constructive programs for the juvenile wanderer in the United States.

The Lodge, one of the Community Chest agencies, has received the

support of the Los Angeles Rotary Club for three or four years. It was started in 1927 for the purpose of helping the homeless boys of from sixteen to twenty who hitch-hiked to our city in the hopes of securing employment. The boys admitted were of a high type and deserved assistance. The Lodge was designed to take care of these boys so that they did not have to beg or live in flop houses. Up to 1932 over 2500 boys had been assisted.

The officers of the lodge for the year included two members of the Los Angeles club as President and Vice-President. They were Donald Fry and A. T. Mercer, both intensely interested in Boys' Work. Kenyon J. Scudder, Chief Probation Officer of Los Angeles County and Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the club, was also an ardent supporter of the Community Boys' Lodge.

Prior to the construction of the Olympic Village, which was erected by the E. K. Wood Lumber Co., four sample houses of different designs were submitted by this company, and from these the type of houses to be used was selected. All of the houses of the village were sold after the games were over, and were much sought after. Robert (Bob) Hutcheson of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. and an old time member of the Los Angeles club, induced his company to allow him to present these four sample houses to the Boys' Work Committee of the Club with no restrictions as to their disposition except that they be placed where they would do the most good.

After careful consideration by the committee, one of the houses was assigned to the Arthur Letts Boy Scout Camp in the Hollywood Hills. A second one was placed in Belvedere Gardens to be connected with the East Side Y.M.C.A. The third house was set up near Rio Hondo for use by a group of young men on probation who had formed a club in order to help each other keep out of trouble. This club was supervised by the Y.M.C.A. and the probation officers of Los Angeles County. The fourth house was sent to the Manchester district, where several gangs were running wild, and where there was no provision for a place for boys to meet under supervision. Here the house was set up as a club under the direction of the clubs and churches of the district.

Bob Hutcheson also agreed to set the houses up and to take care of the necessary repairs and reinforcements at less than cost for the work. His was a substantial contribution to Boys' Work, and the uses to which these houses were put accomplished much good in the prevention of juvenile delinquencies.

Other activities in community service sponsored by the club and for contact with which committees had been appointed were as follows:

Forestry Camp No. 10 in San Dimas Canyon, where youthful, aimless vagrants whose law-breaking consisted of minor offenses were kept for a probationary period, was visited in February by the committee, the officers, and several directors and members of the club. The boys were entertained by talks by President Lou and some members of the committee.

A very important accomplishment of the Boys' Work Committee that was not on the agenda was the case of Joe Fisher. The handling of this case was directed by Chairman Ken Scudder, working closely with Judge Samuel R. Blake of the Juvenile Court. Scudder, in his modest way, leaves his own name out of the report written by him and published in the Rodeo of October 21, 1932. This report is reproduced here in full:

THE PARDON OF JOE FISHER

By KEN SCUDDER

On November 20, 1931, Joe Fisher in company with two other boys held up a taxi driver in Tia Juana, Mexico, and were apprehended for this crime. These boys plead guilty and were sentenced to be shot.

Through the untiring efforts of Judge Samuel R. Blake of the Juvenile Court, and members of the Probation Department, the case was called to the attention of the Mexican authorities, and the sentence was changed to three years and seven months on Three Mary Island and a fine of seven hundred pesos. To one of these boys it meant certain death, because it developed that he was suffering from tuberculosis. It was only when Rotary came into the picture that we were able to get action.

Past-President Bob Heffner, and President Lou Guernsey addressed communications to the Tia Juana Rotary Club requesting that they lend their assistance to the Probation Department in securing a pardon for Joe Fisher, the boy who was suffering from tuberculosis. Several trips were made to Tia Juana to contact the Rotary Club members and the authorities. Reuben Barbachano, Past-President of the Tia Juana Rotary Club has been outstanding in his efforts to secure pardon for this boy. He went to great expense himself, and turned heaven and earth to reach the Governor of Lower California and the President of Mexico.

This case is a splendid example of the workings of the Sixth Object of Rotary. These two Rotary Clubs were drawn closer together through the mutual interest in the welfare of this young boy than through any other method which might have been employed. At no time was there a desire to overlook the fact that this boy had committed a serious offense. He was guilty, acknowledged his guilt, and was ready to pay the penalty. However, the humanitarian aspects of this worthy case appealed to both Clubs alike, as well as to the authorities in Mexico.

Joe Fisher had an excellent record in the Tia Juana jail. He was there for eight months, and the Jailer spoke of him in the highest terms. He told us in his broken English that Joe was a good boy; that he was in bad company, and that he felt the boy would make good if given a chance. That during his stay in the Tia Juana jail he had been very humble, he had obeyed all rules and regulations, and had shown a desire to assist the authorities in every possible way. This of course had its effect relative to his final release.

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Those of us who were so fortunate as to have had a part in the release of this boy, feel that while the release was of great importance, the friendly relationship between the Los Angeles and the Tia Juana Rotary Clubs goes much further.

Surely this has been an outstanding example of the worthwhileness of the Sixth Object of Rotary.

On December 25, 1932, L. P. Bergman, chairman of the Student Loan Committee was program chairman for the meeting during which three students who had been granted loans, told how they had been helped to finish their educations because the assistance received. Orv. Mohler, President of the student body of the University of Southern California, and a guest member of the Rotary Club for a year, made a short talk on the value of student loans to ambitious boys who lacked the necessary finances to complete their education. Chairman Bergman also made a short talk during which he expressed regret that there was available only five thousand dollars to carry on the work of his committee. Spread among the thirty-five boys being assisted, the loan to each could not be very large.

On December 23, the regular luncheon meeting of the club was transferred to the headquarters of the Salvation Army. After the lunch had been served, and the Christmas message delivered by Dr. Bruce Baxter, the Rotarians assisted in the distribution of about four thousand baskets of Christmas food to needy and worthy people all of whom had previously been investigated by the Salvation Army staff. Two hundred and fifty of these baskets had been donated by Rotarians, many of whom also used their own cars to transport some of the recipients of the baskets to their homes after the meeting.

At the meeting of December 13th the Directors authorized the expenditure of \$18.00 for the printing of a pamphlet entitled "How Do We Rate As Parents?" This was done at the suggestion of Ken Scudder, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, who explained that in addition to other channels of distribution, the judge of the Juvenile Court handed a copy to the parents of the delinquent juveniles brought into the court.

At their meeting of March 14, the Board appropriated \$175.00 to underwrite the printing of one thousand booklets entitled "Why Have Delinquents." This book was written by Ken Scudder, and copies were to be sold at the conference of Welfare Workers to be held in April. The money was to be returned to the club as the books were sold.

This Rotary year, like the two previous ones, found many club members meeting with reverses, and as a consequence, there was more than the usual number of resignations. Proposals for membership were not

being sent in to the club office in the number needed to keep the club membership at its limit of 310. At the end of the administration of the previous year, the active membership had dropped to 306, and at the report given to the board meeting on August 9, membership had dropped to 299.

This condition was discussed at each meeting of the Directors, and at the suggestion of Director E. F. Durbin, the Board at its November 15 meeting authorized the creation of a new committee to be known as the President's Committee, and whose duties were to stimulate interest on the part of the membership in sending in proposals for new members. Director Durbin was appointed chairman of the new committee. The President's Committee has continued to be an active committee of the club since that time.

At the Board meeting of March 14, the Directors voted unanimously to have the Los Angeles club place the name of our own member, E. B. DeGroot, in nomination for the office of District Governor of the second district for the year 1933-34. The Board also authorized the expenditure of forty dollars for the printing of pamphlets to mail to the other Rotary clubs of the district announcing the action of this club.

DeGroot was elected District Governor without opposition at the District Conference held at Pasadena May 11 to 13.

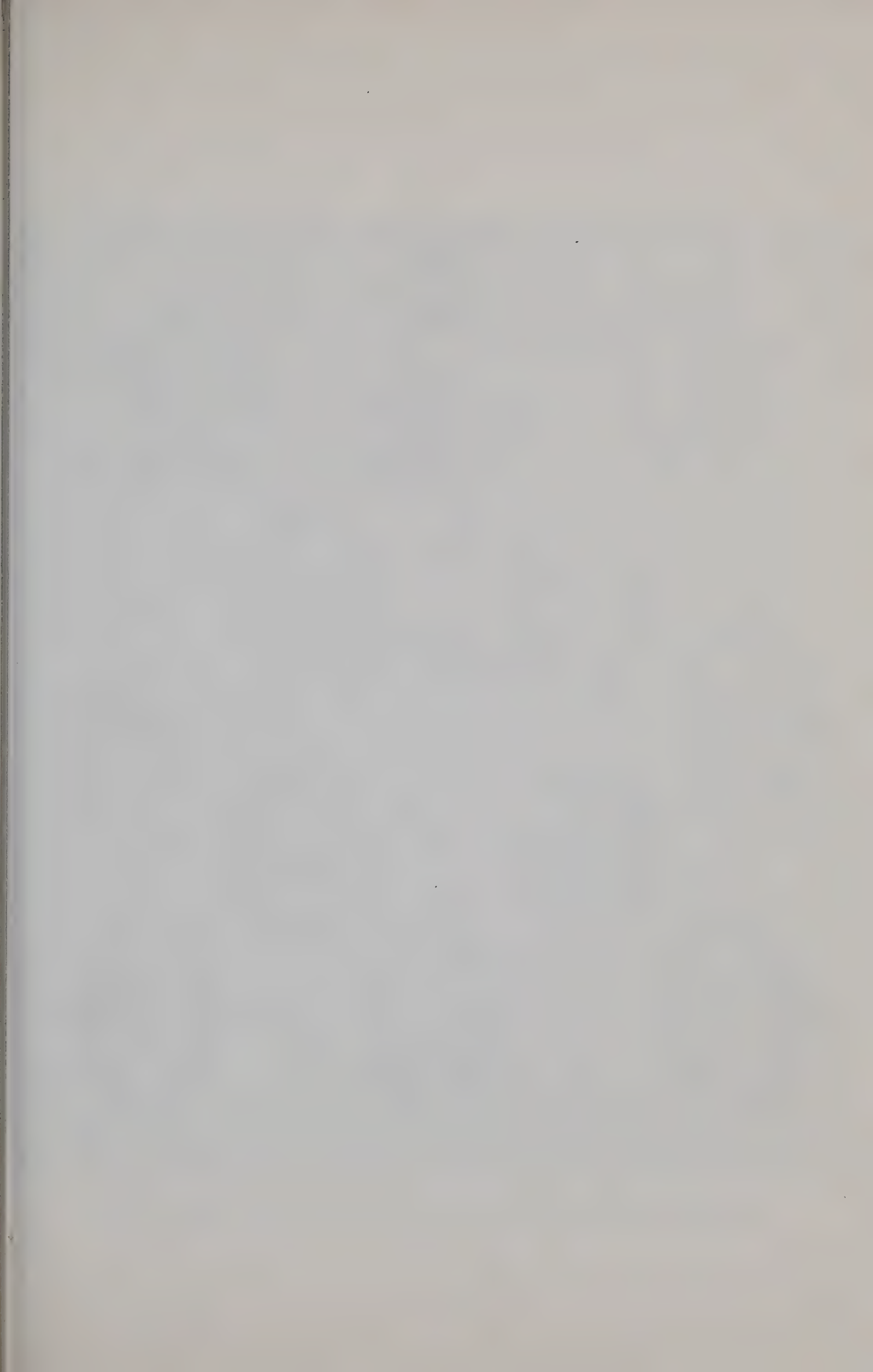
A very active club year drew to a close, and after the meeting of June 16, President Lou left as one of the delegates of the Los Angeles club to the International Convention at Boston. We quote from Eli Fay's report of the meeting in the Rodeo:

"Friday's meeting was another one of good Old Lou's gala days. Everyone seemed to cut loose and enjoy his maneuvers in gathering in sheckels for the milk fund.

Lou has made us a splendid President and we hate to see him step down from that exalted position. Probably one of the most outstanding accomplishments that will linger longest in our memories is that he promoted a jovial spirit and did not permit us to take life too seriously."

On his return from the convention, Lou presided at the meeting of July 21, giving his final report and "Swan Song." On behalf of the club, Charlie Bent, an old friend of Lou's, presented him with a beautiful silver service for his home which Lou graciously accepted on behalf of his good wife Evelyn and himself. In reporting this meeting, Art Lockhart said:

"In surrendering the reigns of Government, stoic old Lou pretty nearly overwhelmed himself with the sentiment of his own words, and from the spontaneity of the ovation we gave him, I think the audience itself was pretty much attuned to the emotions of the moment."





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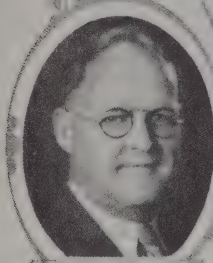
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In answer to a request for a few notes on his administrative year, George Montgomery replied with many items of interest, from which we quote in part:—

"In the spring of 1933 the down swing of the depression touched bottom with a tremendous thud. Our club administration of 1933-34 was ushered into office with community conditions reflecting in no small way the economic upheaval. We had the tragic picture of mounting distress among our own members that presented a very definite problem to be solved. Fortunes had vanished, leaving many a former well-to-do Los Angeles Rotarian without business or home. Others badly bruised, after having been bandied about by Dame Fortune for three and a half years, were still holding their remaining resources together by the slender thread of sheer determination. Obviously there was Rotary work to be done.

Surveying the situation, the Directors determined on a course of action which had for its main objective the maintenance of as sound and healthy an internal state as possible through the exercise of club service to the fullest extent. Only by our own house kept in good order could we, during that critical period, expect to meet the further demands of vocational services and community service. International service at that time was an ideal toward which we, as a club, had little time or opportunity to more than acknowledge. The policy of the Directors was announced to the club through a formal resolution read by the Chair and published in the Rodeo.

With rolled-up sleeves, the new Board tackled each membership problem according to the individual circumstances. Every effort was made to assist distressed members temporarily unable to meet their financial obligations. The President and the Secretary were empowered to remit dues in deserving cases without formal action of the Board itself. Through the generous contribution of several of our more fortunate members, who had come through the storm unscathed, a fund was created to give direct financial aid in extreme cases where it appeared advisable.

A few resignations were received by the Board from conscientious members, some of them being old-timers to whom Rotary meant everything, with the explanation that they could no longer meet the obligations imposed by Rotary or continue to legitimately qualify for membership in the club because of business reversals. Such resignations reflected the calibre of the men who voluntarily offered

*James A. Barlotti elected by the board at their meeting of June 7th to fill vacancy left when James H. Cannon was elected to the office of Vice-President.

to sacrifice one of their dearest possessions because they felt they could no longer measure up to its demands. Most of those fine fellows were induced to accept special consideration. They remained as members in good standing through the period of rehabilitation that followed and now, years later, are still active, more grateful than ever for their Rotary membership and well on the way to financial recovery."

The salient points of the resolution referred to are as follows:

Resolved that all established club service activities be regarded as of prime importance to the immediate welfare of our Club and that a constructive administrative policy with respect thereto, be adopted by this board, the main points of which are:

1. To render liberal encouragement and support to all fellowship activities that tend to develop and extend acquaintance among our own members.
2. To carry on throughout the entire year as well balanced program of Rotary education of interest to all members.
3. To present a diversified schedule of weekly programs embodying subjects that will appeal to all tastes, to the heart as well as to the head, to the desire for knowledge and to the desire for happiness.
4. To throw out the life line to those members who may be drifting near the whirlpools of subnormal attendance.
5. To restore our membership total to its full complement of 310, thereby creating a waiting list which is the rightful condition of our Club at all times.
6. In fine, to take inventory of ourselves and to prepare ourselves through club service to meet the serious challenge of vocational service, community service and international service, by which we learn to discharge our responsibilities to society in general.

In keeping with the policy outlined by the resolution of making club service the major activity of the year, the new president appointed a total of 260 members on committees. This was the result in part of the desire to have as many members as possible active in committee work, and also the creation of 7 sub-committees or "contact groups" under the Boys' Work Committee. The purpose of these special groups was to establish continuous contact with the several youth service organizations in the community to which the Rotary Club of Los Angeles had given support and counsel during previous years. Chairmen of the various contact groups, in turn, were members of and formed the main body of the Boys' Work Committee which served strictly as an administrative body thereafter. This was what might be termed an extension of the Aims and Objects Plan to the Boys' Work Committee.

President Montgomery also originated the existing practice of numbering and lettering all committees under the Aims and Objects Plan as published annually in the roster. This has enabled new members in particular to more easily understand our plan of committee organization and the exact relationship of each sub-committee to the major committee in its particular field of Rotary Service.

As in recent years, Boys' Work took a very prominent place in Community Service activities, and President Montgomery's selection for

the chairmanship of this committee was Elmer R. Murphey, who for many years had been deeply interested in this work. The Vice-Chairman was Kenyon J. Scudder, chief of the Probation Office of Los Angeles County. The budget allocation for this committee was set at \$1500.00, which was later supplemented by an additional \$500.00 making the total for the year of \$2000.00. This amount was divided between the Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., All Nations Boys Club, Forestry Camp, and the Community Boys' Lodge.

Reporting in the Rodeo of October 20th, Max H. Green, chairman of the All Nations Boys Club group, stated that Elmer R. Murphey had been elected president of that club, succeeding William H. Cormack who had held the office during the previous year. Green's report also stated that under Cormack's presidency, the Los Angeles Rotary Club had spent \$400.00 in the wood shop, originally equipped by them, and which included a salary of \$25.00 per month for a manual training teacher from Huntington Park, who instructed the boys in woodworking. Many of the youngsters used the wood shop to make the things which they gave as Christmas gifts.

Through the columns of the Rodeo of September 1st, Herbert A. Ecclestone, chairman of the Boy Scout group, appealed for donations of 1800 feet of two inch pipe with which to improve the water system of Camp Arthur Letts.

In the Rodeo of December 8th, Larry Koenig, chairman of the Community Lodge group, reported that this project had been designated by the Federal Government on October 1st, as one of the agencies in Los Angeles to house transient boys. The Lodge thus became an integral part of the federal plan for the care of transient boys, and was actually designated as the second step in the program, and to which transients were referred as a temporary agency for their care until a more permanent plan could be made. He also reported that while the Lodge had not been completely taken over by the government, they would pay fifty cents of the daily cost of the boys care, which actually amounted to eighty cents per boy per day. The Los Angeles Community Chest and other friends of the Lodge, including Rotary, made up the difference.

On October 10th, the Directors of Club held their monthly meeting at the Lodge, with Chairman Koenig and his committee members attending the meeting.

The contact group committee for the forestry camp was under the chairmanship of George Hall. Some entertainment was provided for the

boys, and through the columns of the Rodeo the committee appealed for athletic equipment, including baseballs, bats and mitts. A complete outfit for baseball was the result. The committee also secured donations of magazines and books.

Activities in community service other than Boys' Work were as follows:

During the previous club year the directors had authorized Ken Scudder to have printed several thousand pamphlets entitled "How Do We Rate as Parents". After the supply was exhausted early in this year, so many requests for more copies came into the Rotary Club office, that Vice-President Cannon volunteered to stand the expense of printing an additional 15,000 copies. Rotarian Mason B. Olmstead donated the paper for the printing of the pamphlets.

Director Scudder brought to the attention of the board a publication known as "The Juvenile Research Bulletin". This was printed in a state institution without cost, but no provision had been made to cover the cost of mailing, or the cost of the paper on which it was printed. The Board of Directors voted to underwrite these costs for a sufficient length of time to enable the sponsors of the bulletin to build a paid subscription list, which would then cover the expenses.

Harry W. Watson, chairman of the Milk Fund Committee reported on November 3rd, that during nine months the Maravilla Health Center received \$300.00 from the Rotary Club out of which they purchased 2540 quarts of milk and had \$58.65 still on hand. The same report stated that the Children's Protective Association had distributed 1374 quarts of milk during the months of August and September. Both the Maravilla Health Center and the Children's Protective Association furnish milk to under-nourished children and are financed by the fines collected from Rotarians of the Los Angeles Club. Both institutions purchase the milk at wholesale prices. The Los Angeles Club has contributed to both agencies for several years, and is definitely committed to their support.

The club again gave support to the Christmas party of the Salvation Army, and on December 15th at a special meeting of the Directors, it was voted to advance the sum of \$500.00 to the Army for the Christmas baskets. The regular Friday luncheon of December 22nd was transferred to the Salvation Army headquarters. After the meeting the Rotarians again assisted in the distribution of the baskets of food to the needy, and again some of the Rotarians used their own cars to transport the baskets and their recipients to their homes.

At this Christmas party, Rotarian George E. Worster, General Manager of the Yellow Cab Company's Los Angeles operations, had on hand a number of the company's cabs to assist in the free transportation of many of the people and their food baskets to their homes. A goodly number of the passengers were enjoying their first ride in a taxicab. George Worster continued to furnish cabs for the Salvation Army Christmas party for several succeeding years.

After the final tabulations covering the Christmas party were completed, it was reported that the donations of the Los Angeles Rotarians amounted to 200 baskets valued at \$668.00.

At the meeting of the Directors on December 12th, President Montgomery announced that the sum of \$202.70 was collected from two Rotary meetings for the Cora B. Withington fund, and that this amount was to be forwarded to Mrs. Hal Ashley, chairwoman of the fund, with a letter expressing the willingness of the club to cooperate in the movement. This fund was created for the purpose of assisting Cora B. Withington who had been blinded by a pistol shot during a holdup while in the company of Crombie Allen, a very philanthropic Rotarian of Ontario, California. The perpetrator of the holdup was a paroled convict from the California State Prison at San Quentin.

At the same meeting of the Board, President Montgomery appointed a committee to investigate certain conditions pertaining to the State Parole System, and to confer with District Governor Ed DeGroot on the subject. They were then to make recommendations on the advisability of the club presenting a protest against paroling from prison, criminals that might commit other similar crimes. The committee included Kenyon J. Scudder, Morris Pendleton, H. O. Dyck and Elmer R. Murphy.

Invitations for guest student members were issued to the University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, Occidental University, Loyola University, and Metropolitan High School.

Joe Hartley as Chairman of the Vocational Service Committee for 1933-34, took his assignment seriously and together with his Committee did much to assist the N.R.A. program within the community. On December 15th, United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, was our guest speaker, his subject being "New Developments in the N.R.A." Senator Lewis spoke from the Administration viewpoint, pointing out the things that had been accomplished during the brief life of the New Deal experiment. On January 5th, a symposium on the N.R.A. in

which several of our own members participated, presented to the club a composite report, each man speaking from experience with N.R.A. in his own craft. Some success had been achieved, especially in the adoption of codes of good business practice, all of which through the channel of Vocational Service had been pioneered and promulgated as one of Rotary's main objectives a decade before.

Other outstanding programs during the year were as follows:

On August 11th, Mr. Henry I. Harriman, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. He outlined the conditions of the period, and recited incidents leading up to the Nation's difficulties, and expressed faith in the American people to give their support to the National Administration in their efforts through the N.R.A. and A.A.A. to bring about more prosperous conditions.

On February 2nd, the club was honored by a visit from Dr. Fong Foo Sec, Director of Rotary International. He spoke on the subject of Rotary and International friendship.

On June 8th, the guest speaker was Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California and of the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. Sproul spoke on the subject of the University and Radicalism.

Craft talks were made during the year by the following Rotarians: Jim Barlotti, about wine; Bob Linton, vitrified clay pipe manufacturing; G. Harold Porter, radio developments and John Austin, the construction industry.

The activities of the International Committee under Fred Hooper as chairman, instigated and carried on a considerable amount of correspondence with Rotary Clubs in foreign countries. Fred also wrote to the governing heads of foreign nations and received many interesting replies. Twice during the year, Fred and his committee extended invitations to the consuls of foreign countries to the Friday luncheons.

The Shanghai Rotary Club sponsored the sending of a young woman of that city, Miss Nina Barsonova, to Hollywood for a trial in moving pictures. At the request of the Shanghai Club, she was assisted and entertained by the International Committee. The Los Angeles Club also assisted in defraying a portion of Miss Barsonova's expenses.

The closing of the Alexandria Hotel made it necessary for the Round Table committee to secure a new location, and arrangements were made with the management of the Biltmore, under a plan that had been pro-

posed by J. S. Louis, for a separate room in what was then known as the Arcade. This arrangement, which also provided tables for bridge and dominoes, was financed by some of the Rotarians who were quite regular in their attendance at the Round Table, and it was soon recognized as an important medium for the promotion of fellowship.

The Directors felt that the Round Table, now being a privately financed activity, might prevent some of the members from attending. At their meeting of February 10th, the first Board meeting to be held in the new Round Table Room, they authorized the appointment of a committee to negotiate with the hotel management for a lease on the quarters, and to endeavor to secure more favorable space for the club offices on the second floor. Those appointed to the committee were George Montgomery, Allin Rhodes and Bill Williams. The committee reported at the meeting of May 10th that they had signed a three year lease for the Round Table room and new offices for the club headquarters which were to be moved from Room 1122 to Room 1324. The monthly rental involved was \$175.00 for both, and included the salary of Mildred Butzer who had served as waitress during the years when the Round Table was located in the Alexandria Hotel, and who moved to the Biltmore when the new room had been obtained. Miss Butzer continued to serve the Round Table in that capacity until December, 1942.

At the June 12th meeting of the Board, it was voted to take over the Round Table Room entirely as a club activity, which made it possible for all Rotarians to attend without the feeling of imposing on a privately financed activity.

As an innovation, the ballot for the Nominating Committee was for the first time mailed out to the members several days in advance of election day. The purpose of this was to stimulate forethought in the selection of the Committee and to avoid haphazard voting in the last-minute preparation and casting of the ballot. Through a timely article in the Rodeo, the Editor pointed out the wisdom of the advance mailing of the ballot and urged each member to carefully weigh his selection of candidates for the Nominating Committee for the best interests of the club.

One of the important features of the year was the activity of the Speakers' Bureau, as reported in the Rodeo of December 15th by Chairman Arthur Loomis. This report covered the months of July, August, September and October, and was representative of the work of the committee for all other months of the term. During this period there were furnished programs for twenty meetings of other Rotary Clubs, and for

thirteen other organizations or gatherings outside of Rotary. Those contributing to this work were L. E. Behymer, Dr. John W. Crossan, Rudolph E. Seiler, David M. Roth, Richard E. Smith, H. O. Dyck, L. P. Bergman, Will R. Forker, Ralph W. Smith and the committee chairman Arthur M. Loomis. Most of these members of the Los Angeles club were also in a position to respond to emergency requests from other clubs when programs previously scheduled were compelled to cancel on short notice.

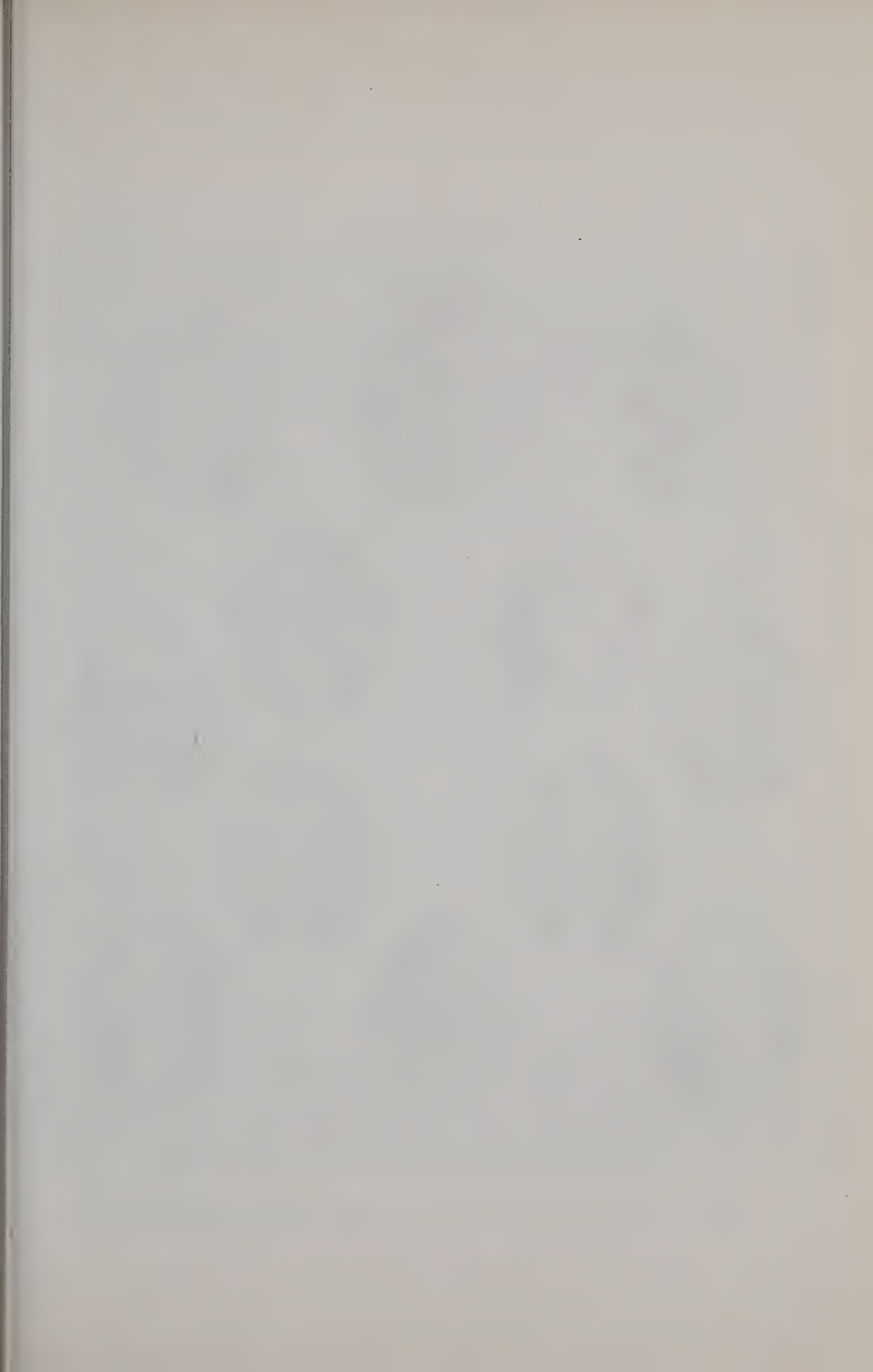
At the April 10th meeting of the Board, a report was given on the membership, which had dropped to 294. This was the lowest reported in several years, being sixteen less than the authorized limit. It was felt, however, that this number would have been considerably less had it not been for the activity of the officers and the President's Committee, which was authorized during the previous administration and was now functioning under a well organized plan.

At this same meeting a communication from Rotary International was presented, in which the Los Angeles club was asked to change its constitution and by-laws with reference to territorial limits so as not to conflict with the territory granted by Rotary International to the Rotary Clubs of San Pedro, Wilmington, West Hollywood, Hollywood and Wilshire. Action on this was deferred pending further communication with International headquarters, with the suggestion that consideration also be given the Rotary Clubs of Van Nuys and North Hollywood, whose territories also were within the city limits of Los Angeles.

At the June meeting of the Board, the request of Rotary International was approved, but with final action in amending the by-laws held over for the incoming administration.

President George Montgomery led the delegation of the Los Angeles Club to the International Convention held at Detroit, June 25th to 29th, and after returning to Los Angeles, gave the report of his administration on July 20th. After briefly covering the highlights of the year, he was presented with a beautiful oil painting, by Puthoff, one of the best of Southern California's landscape artists. Charlie Adams, on behalf of the membership made the presentation speech.

George Montgomery had given the club an excellent administrative year, and had presided over the luncheon meetings with dignity, well mixed with original humor. He had presented to the Directors and Committee Chairmen many ideas that were departures from former customs, and his was considered a fine Rotary year.





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Still in depression years, and with the membership now down sixteen under the limit of 310, the club dropped out of the group classified as AA by Rotary International, and although one of the largest cities of the country, Los Angeles had to be content with a Rotary Club rating of Class A. President Cannon had advocated a larger membership limit for the reason that the margin of ten members between the club limit and the dividing line between Class AA and Class A (300 members) was too close for safety. He advocated raising the limit, and at the July meeting of the Board, it was voted to raise the number of active members to 325. At the August meeting this action was rescinded and it was then voted to increase this number by another twenty-five, thus making 350 the maximum number of active members the Club could have.

Budget allowances for community service activities for the year included:

Boys' Work	\$1000.00
Crippled Children	350.00
Milk for Undernourished Children	1200.00

Before the end of the year, the Boys' Work Committee was given an additional \$360.00, and the Crippled Children's Committee was given an additional \$1000.00. This latter increase was brought about through the cancellation of a note covering a loan of this amount made, in a former year, to the Los Angeles County Crippled Children's Society.

*Elected to office of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms by the Board of Directors at their meeting of July 31, 1934.

Another item involving finances was the printing of an additional four thousand copies of the booklet "Why Have Delinquents." Three hundred and eighty-five dollars was advanced for this work, the money to be returned to the club treasury from the sale of the booklet which had become somewhat of a text book in crime prevention agencies throughout the country. Director Ken Scudder, author of the work, reported that the demand for copies of the book was constantly increasing, and recommended that the larger number be printed which would also reduce the cost per copy.

At the Board meeting of July 31st, Donald H. Fry spoke to the Directors on behalf of the Community Boys' Lodge. This agency was not now active on account of other government agencies looking after transient boys in this area. All of the furniture of the Lodge stood in the name of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, and it could not be moved from its present location unless title was passed. Don told of having obtained storage space for the furniture, without cost, at Torrance, and requested the Board to authorize transfer of ownership to the Lodge, so that it could be legally moved. This was done by a unanimous vote.

At the same meeting, Dr. H. Waldo Spiers, chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee, offered a resolution to the Board, authorizing the inclusion of crippled adults in the work of this Committee. This was also passed unanimously.

John Bloeser, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, made a semi-annual report on the work of his group, which was published in the Rodeo of March 8th. The highlights of this report were as follows:

ALL NATIONS GROUP, under the chairmanship of James V. Yankee: Several committeemen attended meetings at the Foundation, and the committee pledged \$400.00 for the club, part of this amount being for the purpose of paying the salary of a part-time instructor in the wood shop. Material for the shop was secured through donations. Hans Koebig, although not a member of this committee, donated the material to color, stain and wax the floors of the Auditorium and several other rooms in the building.

BOY SCOUT GROUP, under Kenneth G. Volk as chairman. This committee was engaged in installing a sanitary system at Camp Arthur Letts in the Hollywood Hills. This camp accommodates two hundred boys over week ends.

FORESTRY CAMP GROUP, Chairman Ben Tyre. Furnished athletic equipment including a baseball outfit to Forestry Camp No. 10. The committee donated and secured donations of mirrors for the lavatories and rugs for the dormitories.

WHITTIER STATE SCHOOL GROUP, Carl D. Lucas chairman. Attended graduation and placement breakfasts for boys who were to be released from the school.

Y.M.C.A. GROUP, Chairman Morris Pendleton. This committee had been allocated \$400.00 from the Boys Work Fund. Using this as a nucleus, the committee, principally through the efforts of its chairman, secured outside donations amounting to \$1600.00, to be used to cover the cost of a building at one of the summer camps.

SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP, Robert A. McKibbin, chairman. Worked with the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce in an advisory capacity, relative to establishing or maintaining summer camps. This committee also secured benches, tables, and paint for the neighborhood settlement at Ninth & Wilson Streets.

At the board meeting of December 10th, it was voted to liberalize loans to students. These changes were recommended by John Canaday.

The regular luncheon meeting of the club of Friday, December 21st was again transferred to the Salvation Army headquarters on West Ninth Street, and the club members once more assisted the Salvation Army staff in the distribution of baskets of food to the needy. Again the Rotarians drove the recipients of these baskets to their homes; Rotarian George Worster donated many Yellow Cabs for use in this work. Many of the baskets were donated by Rotarians, and the Board had voted to advance the sum of \$500.00 for the financing of these gifts until the individual donations were paid in.

During the early months of this year, Rotary International had requested the club officers to look into the advisability of revising the club's constitution and by-laws, so that they would conform more closely to the standard adopted by Rotary International for recommending to all Rotary Clubs. This was considered logical, for this being one of the oldest clubs in Rotary, the constitution and by-laws were adopted in the earlier years before a standard form had been set up.

President Cannon appointed Past District Governor E. B. DeGroot and Secretary John Canaday as a committee to make a study of these instruments, and to make recommendations of the changes necessary to

bring them into line with the forms desired by Rotary International. At the Board meeting of March 12th, this committee submitted a re-draft of both the constitution and the by-laws, which the Directors voted to accept. It was further voted to mail mimeographed copies of the re-drafts to the club members for study before being submitted to the club for their acceptance. At the club meeting of Friday, May 24th, the club voted to accept the constitution and by-laws as rewritten and published.

Several outstanding programs were presented during this year, the most notable of which was the appearance on September 5th, 1937, of former President of the United States, Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, at a joint meeting with other service clubs. This meeting was the occasion for launching the Community Chest drive of that year, and it marked the first public appearance of the internationally famous humanitarian since his defeat for re-election in 1932. Mr. Hoover was introduced by Mr. Joseph Scott, the same man who presented his name in nomination for the highest office in the country at the National Republican Convention preceding his election in 1928.

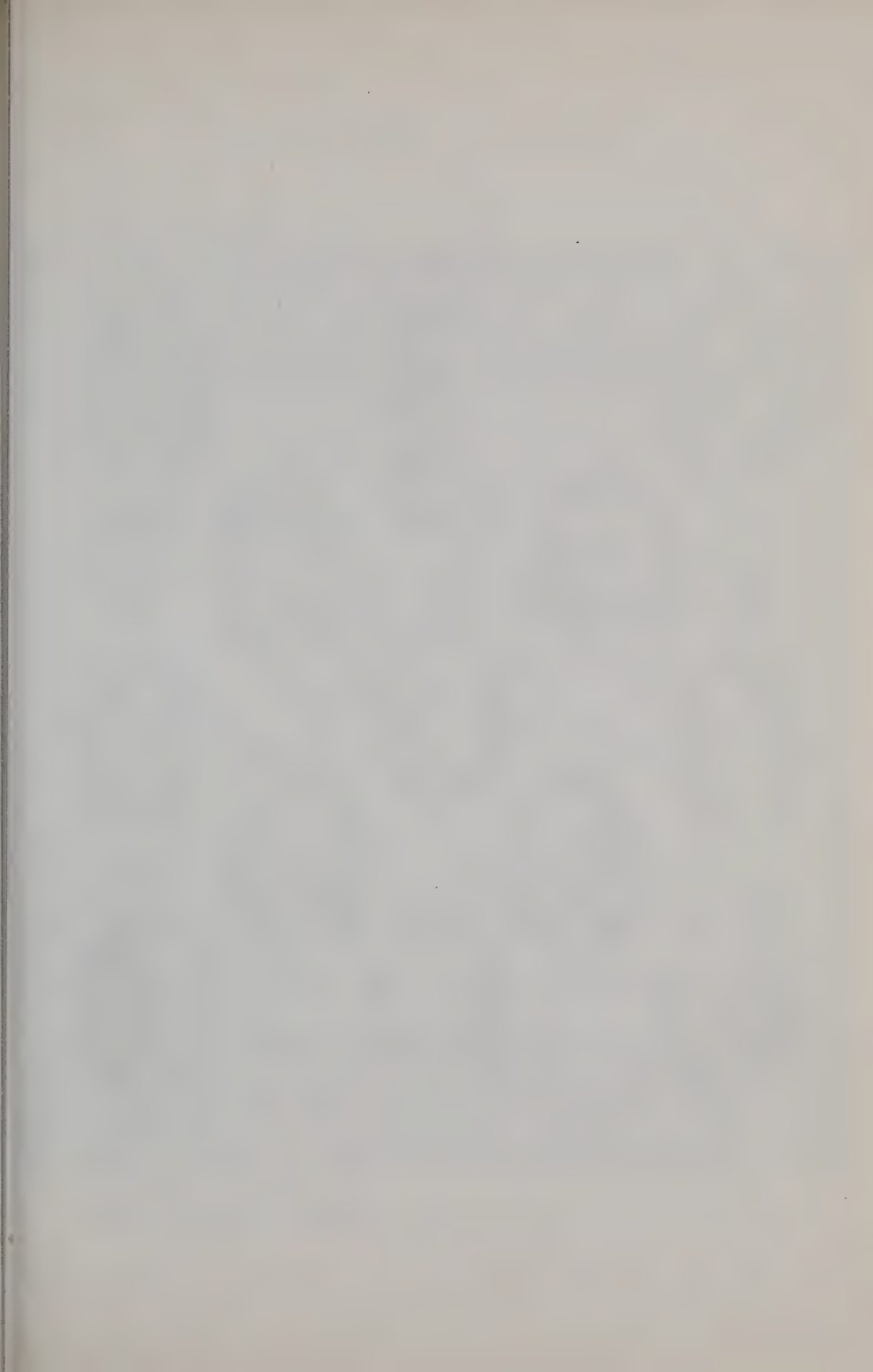
Mr. Hoover was given so great an ovation that it was necessary for him to request its ending due to the program being broadcast over the two national networks. No one present or among the millions of listeners could fail to have been impressed with the sincerity of the great statesman.

At this same meeting, Mr. Irvin Cobb was also one of the speakers, and there was read a telegram from former Secretary of War, Mr. Newton D. Baker, National chairman of the 1934 Mobilization of Human Needs.

On October 12th, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, World War Ace, and at that time Vice-President of North American Aviation Company, was the speaker of the day. There were present at the meeting, Honorable Frank F. Merriam, Governor of California, Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and William May Garland, civic leader of Los Angeles.

November 9th was a football program with appropriate music furnished by the Trojan Band from the University of Southern California. The speaker of the day was Howard F. Jones, rated as one of the Nation's best coaches of that era.

Roger Babson, one of the foremost statisticians of the country, was the speaker on February 8th, and on June 28th, Admiral Cluverius of the USS Argonne spoke on the subject of "Our Common Ground of Service."





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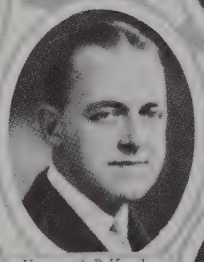
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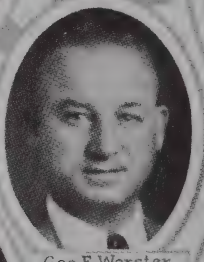
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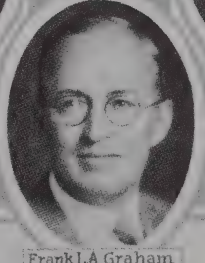
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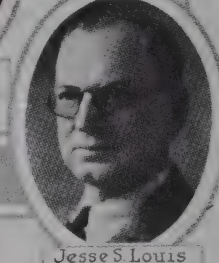
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HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

This Rotary Year saw honors from Rotary International brought to two members of the Los Angeles Club. Arthur M. Lockhart for the third year was appointed to the Magazine Committee, and Harry H. Haake was given fourth prize for an editorial on "The Rotarian" published in the Los Angeles Rodeo of January 25th. Frank L. A. Graham, Associate Editor of the Rodeo, writing during the absence of Editor Haake from the city said, "Harry Haake could easily have taken first place, had not Arthur Lockhart, chairman of the judging committee, modestly declined to vote for a member of his own club."

At the end of his Rotary year, President Cannon on his retirement, was presented with a set of table silver. He has been a member of the Los Angeles Club since 1912, and in his youthful days was known as the Club's "Boy Orator". He was the first member of the Los Angeles Club to introduce a son as an additional active member; this son having entered this world after his father became a Rotarian. President Cannon has always been a liberal contributor to Boys Work.

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*Elected to the office by the Directors to fill the unexpired term of Allin Rhodes, who passed away in April, 1936.

**Elected by the Directors to fill the vacancy left by the election of Arthur J. Lynch to the office of Vice-President.

When this administration assumed office on the return of President Gates and Secretary Haake from the International Convention in Mexico City, the club membership numbered three hundred and five. The new president gave his attention to the upbuilding of the membership to the new limit of 350 as set by the Board of Directors just retired. He appointed Joseph A. Hartly to the chairmanship of the President's Committee, whose enthusiastic efforts resulted in a membership gain of nineteen, to a total of three hundred and twenty-six at the end of the Rotary Year.

At the first meeting of the Directors on July 30th the budget adopted for the year allocated to the various community service committees the following amounts:

Boys' Work	\$1100.00
Crippled Children	300.00
Milk for Undernourished Children	1200.00

The money given to the Boys' Work Committee was divided among the various sub-committees, as in former years, and included the All Nations Foundation, Y.M.C.A., Boy Scouts, Special Projects, Whittier State School and the Forestry Camp.

During the year the Board authorized the addition of two new committees, both on the recommendation of Rotary International. The new Youth Service Committee was created at the meeting of November 12th and at the December 10th meeting the Historical Committee became a part of the club service. Nothing was accomplished by either of the new committees during the remainder of the year as the work of either had not been completely outlined.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of May 11th, John Canaday in his capacity of chairman of the Student Loan Committee, recommended that the rules governing loans to students be liberalized. He particularly requested that the rule which required the student borrower to take out a life insurance policy in favor of the club, be dropped and that two percent of the five percent interest paid by the borrower, be set aside to create a reserve covering the possible death of the student before the loan was repaid. Canaday's recommendations were adopted, and a revised set of rules, already prepared by him and dated April 24th were made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

The death of Treasurer Allin Rhodes occurred in April, after he had been reelected to that office for the year 1936 and 1937. The Directors elected James E. Shelton to fill the unexpired term of Rhodes at their

May 11th meeting, and at the last meeting of the year on June 9th, the Board authorized President Elect Arthur J. Lynch to appoint Shelton as Treasurer during the year following. This action was concurred in by the incoming members of the new Board, who were present at this meeting as guests.

The programs for the year continued to be exceptionally good. Several men of national prominence were visitors in Los Angeles during the latter part of 1935 and the earlier part of 1936, and some of them accepted invitations from the Los Angeles club to be guest speakers at some of the meetings.

For several years Past President Louis G. Guernsey had been given the honor of acting as chairman of the Friday meeting nearest to July 4th, the date on which he was born. Responding to these invitations his endeavor had been to present patriotic programs. This year he requested that the meeting of July 19th be assigned to him, as during that week the American Bar Association was holding its annual convention in Los Angeles, and he wished to invite some of the nations leading legal minds to the meeting. As Master of Ceremonies that day, Lou presided with great dignity and poise, and many will remember his fine introductions of the President of the American Bar Association, Mr. Scott M. Loftin and other officers of the Association, as well as the Presidents and officers of the California State and Los Angeles Bar Associations. He also introduced Chief Justice Waste of the Supreme Court of California and his associate justices; the Judges of the District Court of Appeal; U.S. District Court Justices; Superior Court Judges and many eminent attorneys.

The speaker of the day was Mr. James M. Beck, former Solicitor General in the Cabinet of Herbert Hoover, and one of the country's foremost authorities on the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Beck spoke for more than forty-five minutes to a very attentive audience which packed the Biltmore Bowl. This was one of the largest and one of the most memorable meetings of the Los Angeles Club.

On September 14th the club was host to the entire roster of the football team of the University of Mexico, who had come to Los Angeles to play a game with Occidental College.

On October 11th the Lions Club of Los Angeles joined the Rotary Club at a meeting honoring the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Present as a guest of this meeting was U.S. Senator Tom Connelly of

Texas. The speaker was Paul G. Hoffman, President of the Studebaker Corporation of America.

On October 25th Charles Lick, President of the Los Angeles Brewing Company sponsored a craft program of his industry. Due to the presence in Los Angeles of many of the country's foremost men of the brewing industry who were attending their National Convention being held here at that time, Lick was able to present to the club as speakers, Colonel Jacob Ruppert, President of the New York Yankee Baseball Club, and United States Senator C. P. Gore, the blind orator from Oklahoma. At this meeting there were introduced many other of the country's leading brewers.

On November 22nd Mr. Harper Sibley, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. At this meeting guests of the club included Mr. Henry I. Harriman, immediate Past President, and the members of the National Chamber's Board of Directors. Also present were Mr. Walter Braunsweiger, President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and many other officers, directors and past presidents of the local chamber. This program was broadcast to the nation over the two major networks.

On December 27th Edgar Guest the noted poet of the "Detroit Free Press," spoke to the club. On March 6th Mr. Merle Thorp, Editor of the Nation's Business was the main attraction of the program

Two internationally known men in Rotary visited Los Angeles early in 1936. On January 3rd Dr. Amos Squires of Ossining, N.Y., a Director of Rotary International, delivered a thirty minute Rotary message to the club. On February 7th, the club was honored by an address by the President of Rotary International, Ed R. Johnson of Virginia.

On January 27th Dick Smith, for many years a member of the Los Angeles club and later to become its President, presented the first of his several gridiron programs. President Gates, in his annual report, described this program as the one which topped the list for interest and amusement to the members.

On September 13th Judge Walton Wood, co-organizer of the Los Angeles Rotary Club and an honorary member for several years, was presented to the members under his new title as Judge of the District Court of Appeal.

On December 20th the regular Friday luncheon was again transferred to the headquarters building of the Salvation Army, and Rotary members participated in the distribution of Christmas baskets to the

poor. Los Angeles Rotarians donated two hundred and fifty of these baskets, and in addition a number of the members furnished food, candy, canned goods and various articles required by the Army to make up the baskets. Larry Koenig donated two trucks and five men to deliver baskets to people unable to attend the ceremonies, and again Rotarian George Worster furnished several taxicabs to transport, free of charge many recipients of the baskets.

As in former years, community service work continued as a major activity of the club, with the various branches of boys' work being given considerable attention. The chairmen of the various groups, under Ken Volk as general chairman reported as follows:

All Nations Foundation—James V. Yankee, chairman. This group continued to furnish the wood shop with materials, and again paid the salary of a part time instructor. Many Rotarians made individual contributions to the shop, which was in addition to the budget allowance by the club.

Boy Scout Group, under Ken Kirk as chairman, took care of the repairing and repainting of six of the small outdoor cabins at Camp Arthur Letts. They also built two fine open air fireplaces, with separate cooking units, and started work on a cement garbage rack. This committee had a budget allowance of \$250.000 but through donations received from many Rotarians, more then \$750.00 was spent on this camp.

Forestry Camp Group, Edward F. (Foxy) Jost chairman. This committee continued to furnish reading matter and athletic equipment to Forestry Camp No. 10 near San Dimas. This camp is maintained by the Los Angeles County Probation Department for first offenders up to 18 years of age.

Young Wilhoite, chairman of the Whittier State School group, made it a point to have members of his committee attend the graduating exercises for boys leaving the school. The committee also worked on the repairing of the public address system which had been installed some years before by the Rotary Club at a cost in excess of \$2500.00.

Y.M.C.A. Group—Herbert Ecclestone chairman, remodeled one of the rooms in the downtown Y.M.C.A. building, making it into a wood shop. The walls were relined with knotty pine boards, celotex ceiling, linoleum floor, sink, work benches, cupboards, tools and equipment. With a budget allowance of only \$350.00, this committee expended over \$600.00, the difference having been obtained through individual donations.

The Milk Fund Committee was under the leadership of Lee Mettler, who reported that the milk furnished the Parent Teachers' Association and the Maravilla Health Center was about equal to the previous years donations.

Reporting for the Community Chest committee, Wm. R. Williams, its chairman, reported that the club co-operated with the Lions Club, sponsors of the opening meeting of the Community Chest campaign, in which thirty-nine service clubs were represented. At this meeting the speakers were Rupert Hughes and Dr. Robert Milliken.

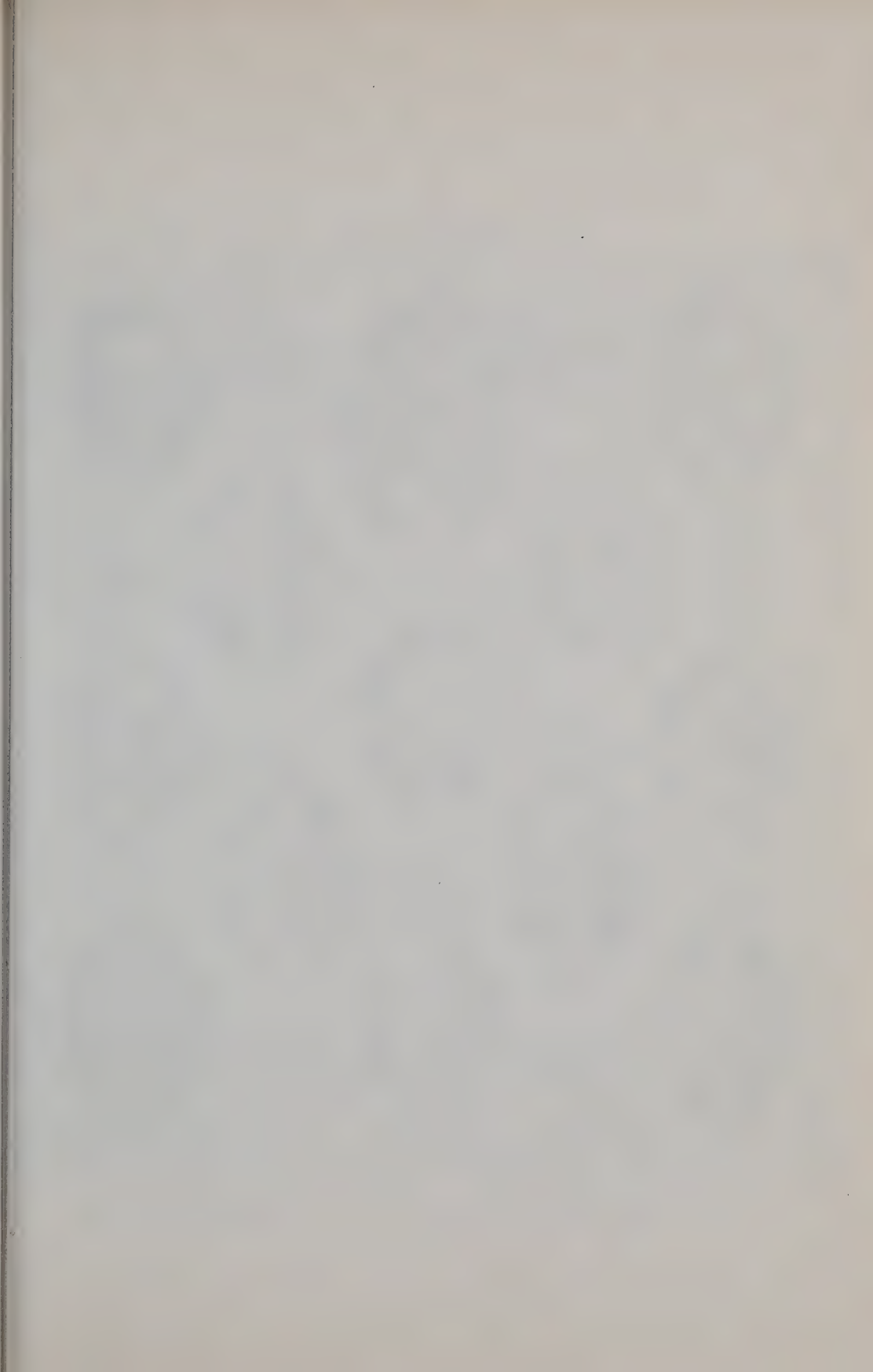
Charles G. Adams, chairman of the Goodwill Industries Committee reported that the efforts of his committee were directed toward inducing the Rotarians to send the cast off materials from their homes to the Good Will out of which the physically handicapped people created useful articles for sale in the Good Will Industries stores. The committee gave a tea in the Baker block to which Rotarians and their ladies and friends were invited, and which permitted the Industries to demonstrate the character of the work they were doing.

At the end of his administration, President Sam Gates compiled a report of all of the activities of the club and its numerous committees during the year, and had a mimeographed copy mailed to all of the members. This report, fourteen pages in length, in addition to being very informative, is very valuable as a historical record. It is on file in the club office.

President Gates was delayed in returning from the International convention held at Atlantic City in June, and it was not until August 7th that he rendered his report and swan song. In reporting this meeting for the Rodeo, Jack Pearce had the following to say:

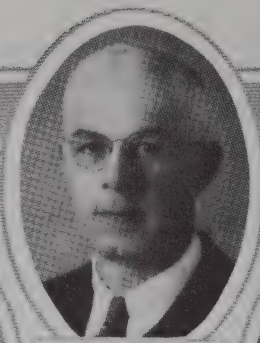
"Los Angeles Rotary has been blessed with fine leaders. The rank and file are important but leaders make or break movements. Each president usually has outstanding virtues. Past President Sam Gates excelled in dignity. By a standing tribute the club attested its approval of Hugo Burgwald's eulogy of Sam and his administration. In his own inimitable style of mixed humor and sincerity, Hugo presented a grandfather's clock to Sam on behalf of the club."

Sam Gates was very highly regarded, and his ability was recognized by his having been elected District Governor of the 107th district for the year 1938-39. His name was placed in nomination for the office of Director of Rotary International in 1943. Because the war burdened him with so many additional duties with the General Electric Corporation, he felt it would not be possible for him to give sufficient time to the International Directorate if elected, and he requested that his name be withdrawn.





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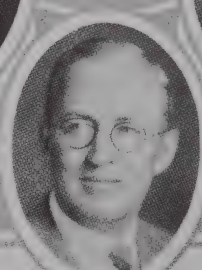
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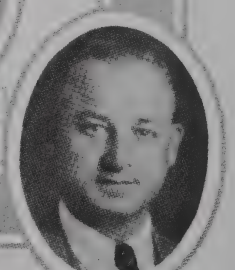
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Frank L. A. Graham
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GEORGE E. WORSTER	

Although accepting the gavel of office from Retiring President Sam Gates at the meeting of August 7th, the administration of President Arthur Lynch actually started the following Friday. He had given his report of the Atlantic City Convention several weeks prior to that date.

At the first meeting of the new Directors the budget for the coming year was adopted based on a total income of \$21,426.00 and expenditures of \$22,771.00, or a net loss of \$1,345.00. This action was taken in light of an operating surplus of \$2,468.00 in the previous year and the excess of expenditure over income was caused principally by two items of exceptional expense; one of \$3,000.00 set up for the expense of delegates to the International Convention at Nice, France, and the other an item amounting to \$750.00 to send President Lynch as a delegate to the Sixth Pacific Area Rotary Conference to be held at Wellington, New Zealand early in 1937. The trip to New Zealand was, however cancelled because of the water front strike which came at that time.

The following items were set up in the budget for charitable and community activities:

Crippled Children Care	\$ 300.00
Milk and Charity Fund	1,200.00
Boys' Work	1,000.00
Salvation Army	326.00

At the board meeting of November 10th, an additional amount of \$200.00 was appropriated for use of the Boys' Work Committee on the

Forestry Camp Project and by the Special Project Group. The club members were also to be called on for equipment for these same activities.

Later in the year the directors approved a proposal of the Youth Service Committee to purchase two thousand booklets entitled "Careers for Youth", written by Walter Pitkin, for distribution to principals and students of all Los Angeles high schools.

Programs for the year were given an auspicious start by Lou Guernsey on July 3rd. He wrote and presented to the club a spoken and illustrated narrative of the early history of the United States entitled "America Speaks". It was undoubtedly one of the most striking programs given to our club during its existence. "The Rodeo's" report of this program stated:

"Out of the annals of history and across the chasm of time walked the historical fathers of America to live and speak again as characters in one of the most unique and colorful pageants of American history ever presented before the Rotary Club of Los Angeles."

A further measure of its worth was the many demands for its presentation made from other groups in and out of Rotary. It was presented before the Ontario Rotary club on October 22nd, and at the annual Inter-city visit to Long Beach on December 2nd. When the yearly visit to San Diego was made on April 8th, the same program was again given. It was also on the list of events at the Hollywood conference, the last of the old Second District, late in April.

Dr. A. H. Giannini, chairman of the Executive Committee, Bank of America, talked to the club about "Railroad Transportation—Yesterday and Today."

The Community Chest Campaign was sparked by a meeting on September 11th with Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President of the University of California. The following week Mr. C. R. Smith, President of American Airlines, discussed air transportation.

Dick Smith presented another gridiron program with all of his finely timed wit and subtle humor. The Pasadena Boys' Choir gave their usual excellent program on Good Friday. Later in the year Major General Frank Andrews and Brigadier General Delos C. Emmons talked to the club about the U.S. Air Force.

The meeting immediately prior to Christmas returned to the Biltmore Hotel after several years during which it had been held at Salvation Army Headquarters Assembly Hall at 832 West Ninth Street.

The usual donation of baskets to families designated by the Salvation Army was, however, provided for by direct solicitation of the club membership.

In March, the Directors accepted a report submitted by Treasurer Shelton which proposed a revaluation of the assets of the Los Angeles Rotary Trust Fund. The securities held in this fund had not been re-valued since the fund was taken over at the time the Settlement House properties had been disposed of. As a result of Shelton's report, the assets of the fund were reduced from \$39,904.00 to \$29,525.24, the later amount representing more accurately the market value of the securities at that time.

At this same meeting it was voted to invest some of the cash held in the fund, in small first mortgages.

At the annual District Conference, held that year in Hollywood, the Los Angeles club was represented on the program by Ed DeGroot, Sam Gates, and Lou Guernsey.

This conference marked the passing of the old Second District of Rotary as such, and as announced during that week, Los Angeles then became one of about forty member clubs of District No. 2-D.

The first mention of a proposed division of the Second District into smaller units occurred at the district conference held in Los Angeles in April, 1928. The movement was started by a past district governor, who had been asked to call a meeting of other past district governors at this conference, for a discussion of this matter. Full details of this action are given in the chapter devoted to the administration of Bill Kilgore in the year 1927-28.

No further action was taken to effect this change until 1937. In that year a committee was appointed by International President Will Manier, under authority granted him by the by-laws of R. I., Art. XI, Section 1, which reads as follows:

"For the purpose of more efficient administration, the board of directors of Rotary International is authorized to divide the territory covered by member clubs into districts. The international president shall from time to time, as directed by the board of directors, promulgate a list of districts together with their boundaries, provided, that no change or addition shall be made over the objection of three-fourths of the clubs in the district or districts affected thereby."

The committee appointed consisted of the following members:

GEORGE McCLELLAN
LESLIE EVERTS
FRED CHASE

ALMON E. ROTH
RAY GREEN
ALLISON WARE

TOM CROWE

This action became known to the clubs in the district about sixty days prior to the Hollywood Conference. The Committee at once outlined the boundaries of five new districts which were authorized to be established by the Board of Rotary International at the time of the conference.

An immediate protest of this action was made to Rotary International by the Los Angeles Club. The board of directors of the club also contacted all of the other clubs in the district by letter on February 13, 1937, asking them to protest this action. Considerable feeling was generated, and a majority of the clubs did protest this division. However, the required three quarters did not materialize and the new divisions were scheduled to be functioning in April of that year.

In an effort to gain approval of the action of Rotary International, President Will Manier made an unscheduled appearance in Hollywood, and while he was finally given a vote of approval by the conference, the Los Angeles Club continued its protest, being supported in this by several individuals from other clubs. The principal objections of the Los Angeles Club centered in the manner in which the division was made and the small districts resulting therefrom. No change in the decision made by Rotary International was made, and the five new districts as established are in operation at this time. (1944)

Other items of importance occurring during the year were:

The Rodeo of March 4th carried the news of the passing of Will Stephens, pioneer Los Angeles Rotarian. He was a charter member of Club Number Five, Secretary during several of the earlier years, and President in 1921-22.

At a meeting early in December, Rotarian Graham Dible, President of the Biltmore Florists, inaugurated the delightful feature of presenting each members and visiting Rotarian with a carnation for his lapel. Two young ladies stand at the door of the Ballroom every Friday to hand out the flowers and pin them on.

It was during this year that it was decided to present a special banner to visiting Rotarians visiting from countries outside of the United States.

One of the activities of President Art during his administration was unusual and unique. He extended a personal invitation to each new member to have lunch with him at the Round Table, which enabled him to establish a personal acquaintanceship with these members.

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Due to changes made in the arrangement of rooms on the lower floor of the Biltmore Hotel, it was necessary for the Club to change the location of the Round Table Room. Conference Room No. 10 was leased and in May, 1937, the new room was opened for use of the members. It has continued to be available for the use of members since that time.

Three new clubs in the Los Angeles area were granted charters during the year. They were Placentia, Lynwood and Avalon, Catalina. President Lynch led a delegation from the Los Angeles club to the Charter Night meetings of the first two, and presented a framed copy of the Code of Ethics to each of the charter members.

Art started his year as President with the avowed purpose of keeping the activities in Club Service, Community Service and International Service on as high a plane as his predecessors. That he obtained his goal was attested by the fine year his sincere and able leadership brought to the club. There was a gain of twelve members during his administration, bringing the total to three hundred and thirty five at the completion of his year. The club spirit was maintained at a fine level of friendliness throughout the year.

In making his final report, Art gave a detailed account of the activities of the various committees of the club with the exception of the Community Service Committee, stating in his report that he felt the work of that committee to have been so important that he had prepared a separate report which he was having published to be mailed to the entire membership. This report subsequently sent out was complete in the detail given to the work of the subcommittees which carried on this essential work of the Club. Excerpts from the report covering some of the most important activities of this committee are given in the following paragraphs.

ALL NATIONS CLUB GROUP

Following the custom of several years the Rotary Club of Los Angeles paid a portion of the salary of the woodshop instructor at the All Nations Club and kept the woodshop supplied with the necessary tools and equipment. This woodshop was installed several years ago by the Los Angeles Club and we have maintained it since that time.

Beverly Hill and his committee helped to secure materials such as wood, leather, metal, horns and hoofs, etc., for the boys to work on in the woodshop. They also secured donations from several Rotarians of

brushes, paints and materials needed to start and maintain an Oil Painting Class at the Boys' Club. Dozens of boys have been taught to do oil painting which developed considerable talent that might otherwise have remained dormant. The handicraft attendance at the woodshop and oil painting class totaled more than 20,000 for the year. It is impossible to measure the good influence that resulted from this large attendance.

BOY SCOUTS GROUP

This Committee followed the work started several years ago by their predecessors in the development and enlargement of Camp Arthur Letts in the Hollywood Hills. This year the committee installed a large hot water heater with a copper drum (made and donated by Rotarian Mark Levy) in the bath house. They also installed two additional toilets at the Camp. They also installed a hot water heater in the kitchen which was already at the Camp. The committee replaced one of the dilapidated sleeping cabins with a new one that would accommodate ten boys. The newer cabin is much better adapted for the use of the boys than any of the older ones.

FORESTRY CAMPS GROUP

While the Forestry Camp is equipped with a fine athletic field, the County of Los Angeles which operates the camp does not make any provision for athletic equipment. The Forestry Camp Group secured boxing gloves, footballs, indoor baseballs, and socker balls, to the delight of all the boys in the Camp.

Bert Stone obtained through Lawrence Frank from Van De Kamp's, a donation of five boxes of chocolate bars which the officers at the Camp used as a reward for good behavior.

Bert also secured from John Bloeser a donation of some rugs to put beside the boys' cots in the dormitory, and he obtained from Ben Tyre fifty small mirrors to hang beside their cots so that they would be able to beautify themselves after their showers at night.

In addition to the above, Bert had an extra radio in his home which he gave to the boys for their enjoyment.

SPECIAL PROJECT GROUP

The work of this committee is the investigation of new projects and the making of recommendations as to whether or not these new projects should be sponsored by our Boys' Work Committee. This year their activities went beyond that. (And their accomplishments should be a

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matter of pride to all of us.) They furnished the Los Angeles Toy Loan Libraries fifteen dozen indoor balls and five dozen bats which have been very effectively used by the various groups of boys and girls throughout the city. Public interest has grown in toy loan libraries and there are now fifteen in Los Angeles and vicinity. The County Supervisors have recently appropriated \$8,500.00 for the equipment of these libraries. The indications are that this will be a real project in the future.

Herb Powell and his committee furnished layout and plans for club rooms which were built in the boys' department of the downtown branch of the Y.M.C.A. They also co-operated with Ralph Reed by providing plans and blue prints for some scout cabins now under construction at the Arthur Letts Boy Scout Camp.

This committee also co-operated with the All Nations Club Group and Bob McKibben in engineering a swimming pool constructed at the All Nations vacation camp on property in the mountains leased from the County.

WHITTIER SCHOOL GROUP

This committee maintained contacts with this institution and did what they could to assist in the placing of boys who had graduated.

In 1928 and 1929 the Rotary Club of Los Angeles installed a loud speaker system in the various cottages at the school. Repairs were needed on the system and Young Wilhoite, with the co-operation of Pete Heiser, was instrumental in obtaining a very low cost on these repairs. Young, through the assistance of other members of our club, secured an appropriation of \$125.00 from the State of California toward this cost and the rest of the funds necessary were donated individually by several members of Young's committee and other members of our club. The Rotary Club was at no expense whatever on this work. The Superintendent of the Whittier State School stated that the radio is now in better condition than ever and, through Young, extends his thanks to the Rotary Club of Los Angeles for all they have done for the school.

Y.M.C.A. GROUP

The program undertaken by this committee was to provide dressing room and shower-bath facilities for the swimming pools at the "Y" Camps at Little Green Valley and Round Meadow in the San Bernardino Mountains. The committee prepared drawings and specifications covering the work and secured donations for the sheet metal, plumbing pipe,

shower heads, coat hooks, finish hardware, cement and paint which represents all materials needed excepting lumber. They secured a very favorable proposal from a local lumber company whereby they will obtain the necessary lumber for practically the cost of transporting it. At the close of this administration the work had not been completed; however, part of the concrete work had been finished. K. P. Lowell accepted the Chairmanship of this committee and will carry the work to completion during the coming year.

The above completes all the reports of the Boys' Work Group.

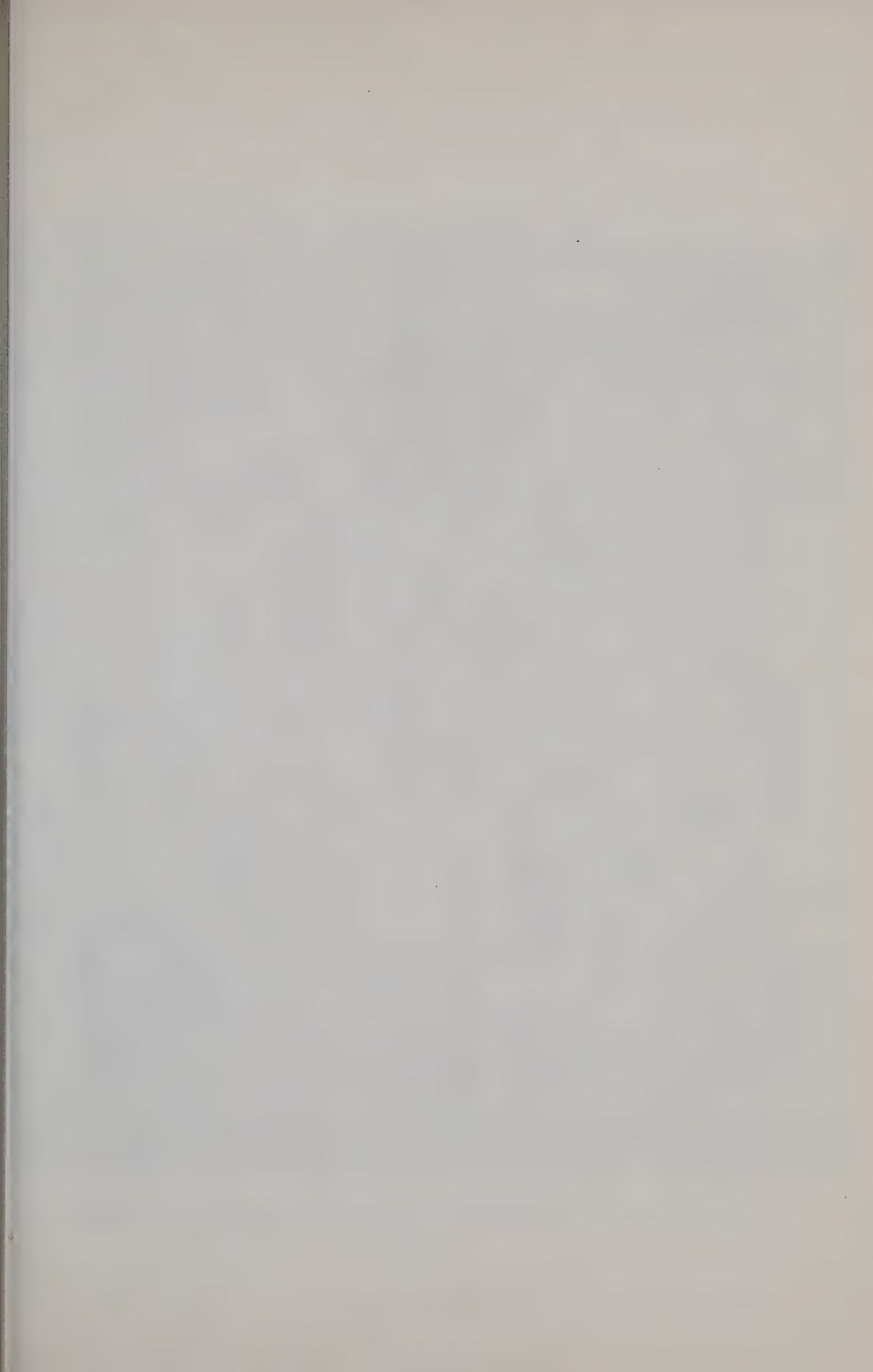
SALVATION ARMY GROUP

As has been the custom for many years this committee co-operated with the Salvation Army in their distribution of Christmas baskets to the deserving poor. The committee put on the regular Christmas meeting with Rev. Warren Grafton as speaker of the day and assisted in the distribution of the Christmas baskets from the Salvation Army headquarters two days before Christmas. Ted Pierce and his committee secured donations in excess of \$1,000.00 consisting of both money and food. Credit again is to be given to George Worster for his generosity in furnishing Yellow Cabs to transport the recipients of baskets to their homes after the Salvation Army services.

There is one more committee on which I wish to report which should have been reported under the heading of the International Service Committee. This is the Crombie Allen-International Committee under the chairmanship of Ted Brodhead. An oratorical contest was held on May 20th at Occidental College and attracted a large audience. The contestants were Aram Rejebian, Roy Littlejohn and Andrew McCormick, with Mr. Rejebian judged the winner. Those acting as judges in the contest were Rotarians Gilbert R. Carlock, Kenyon J. Scudder and John W. Pearce.

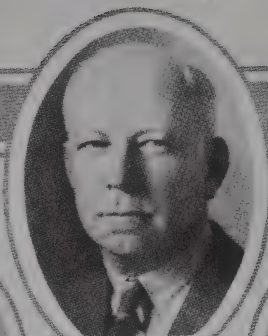
President Lynch presided at his last meeting on August 6, 1937, on which occasion Lou Guernsey gave a detailed account of Art's failings and his virtues as the leader of the Los Angeles Rotary Club during the year 1936-37. Art gave the club a very sincere, thoughtful and thoroughly businesslike administration, and gave much of his time and energy toward keeping it in the top rank of clubs throughout the Rotary world.

At this final meeting, he was presented with a beautiful watch given by the club membership.

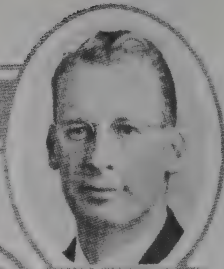




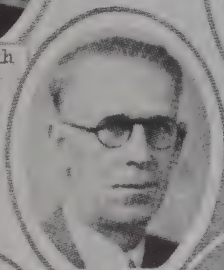
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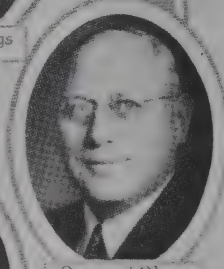
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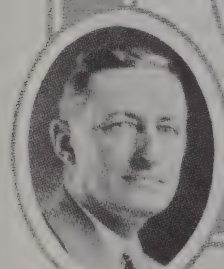
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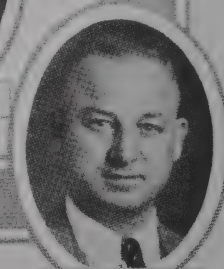
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The actual passing of the gavel of administration by retiring President Lynch to Joe Hartley took place on August 6th. This delay was due to both men staying for a time in Europe after having attended the convention of Rotary International at Nice, France in June. President Hartley and Secretary Holly reported on the convention the following week.

Very soon after assuming office it became evident that the new administration would endeavor to emphasize all phases of Rotary during the year. This was borne out by the reports of the chairmen of all important committees that the President secured at the end of his term of office, and left in the club office as a very complete record of his administration.

One of Hartley's earlier committee assignments was that of chairman of the President's Committee, and now as President it was his desire to see the club membership brought to its limit of 350 members. He, therefore, worked closely with Dumont M. Hirsch, the man he had selected to head this committee, and was gratified to report that on the day his administration came to an end, the membership numbered 350 and there were still proposals for membership in the office which could be considered as a nucleus of a waiting list.

*Elected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Richard E. Smith to office of Vice-President.

Another desire on the part of President Hartley was to revive the exchange of inter-city meetings with the Rotary Club of San Francisco, which, although once an annual occurrence, had been discontinued some years before. These visits were arranged for this year by A. P. (Augie) Johnsen, chairman of the Inter-City Committee of the Los Angeles Club and George Hanson, chairman of the San Francisco Club's Inter-City Committee. 75 members of the Los Angeles club traveled in a special train over the Southern Pacific to attend the meeting of the San Francisco club on November 1st, and on Friday, May 13th, 87 members of the San Francisco club attended the Los Angeles club. On each of these occasions, the visiting clubs furnished the programs.

In commenting on this exchange of visits, in his final report, Hartley also called attention to other activities of the Inter-City Committee, which during the year had arranged visits with a total of 24 clubs, 16 of which included furnishing the program for the club visited. This committee also arranged for return visits to our club of the San Diego and Long Beach clubs.

In reporting on his work as program chairman for the year, Vice-President Smith had the following to say:

"During the year, craft talks were given by Willard Brown, Arthur Clubb, Barry Kirkhoffer, Earl Markee and Charlie Adams. Other members who spoke on varied subjects were Gregg Layne, Warren Grafton, Doc Emmons, Ed DeGroot and our former member, Ed Faupel.

There were ten meetings devoted strictly to Rotary. These included the convention reports and the convention pictures, the new members program, and the meeting with Marvin Park (District Governor), Stanley Long, (Director of R.I.), Tully Knoles and Art Seeley. Special programs were devoted to Community Chest, Vocational Service, Crippled Children, Boys Work and Red Cross."

Programs not described in detail by Vice-President Smith, and deserving special mention were:

On September 24th, the Rotary Club again co-operated with the Community Chest by joining with the other service clubs in launching the Community Chest campaign. This year the meeting was sponsored by the Altrurian Club, and the speaker was Dr. R. B. Von Kleinschmidt, President of the University of Southern California. This year the Rotary Community Chest Committee was headed by Samuel E. Gates as chairman.

On January 7th, Mr. Byron C. Hanna, retiring President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the subject of "Los Angeles Looks to Tomorrow."

On April 15th, the program was entirely musical, and was furnished by John Henry Lyons and his Pasadena boys choir. This was the second

year in succession that this group presented an excellent program for our Club.

Past International President Almon E. Roth spoke to us on May 27th, his subject being "Is Collective Bargaining the Solution of Our Waterfront Problem?" In his capacity as President of the San Francisco Waterfront Employers Association, Al Roth was in a position to acquaint our members with the labor problems of the shipping companies under the "New Deal".

There were many other activities of committees in the club service group, many of which deserve special mention. They are:

The Attendance Committee under Irving G. King reported an average attendance for the year of 85.74%.

The Classification Committee under George E. White reported the handling of a total of 124 items. Of this total, 26 classifications were opened, and 17 changes in classification were approved. 22 proposals for membership were rejected for various reasons as affecting classifications.

The Good Samaritan Committee, headed by Leo Green who had been its chairman for several years, reported that they were represented by some member of the committee at 11 funerals. 6 of these were services conducted for our own members, and the others were services for wives and mothers of Rotarians.

In fellowship activities the Bowling Committee, Irving Smith chairman, reported very good attendance throughout the year. The Rotary team finished in sixth place, and Rotarian Charlie Benson was elected President of the service club league for the ensuing year.

John Canaday reported a very successful outing at the Uplifters Club, with 150 members attending.

Ralph Cardoza, as head of the Ladies Night Committee reported a very successful party held at the Hawaiian Paradise. The attendance at this evening of pleasure was approximately 300.

The golf committee, Watson E. Bockman chairman, held 12 monthly tournaments, which included the Honeymoon Party at Catalina Island.

Joseph R. Knapp, Round Table Committee chairman, reported increasing attendance throughout the year. A Christmas party arranged by this group was attended by 150 of our members, and during the visits of the San Francisco and San Diego clubs, the visitors were entertained in the Round Table Room. It was also used as headquarters during these visits.

Through correspondence between Clifford C. Hine, chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee, and President Hartley, it was learned that a well-to-do resident of Los Angeles had provided in his will for bequeathing a substantial sum to the Los Angeles Rotary Club for use in welfare projects, particularly the boys work which the club has sponsored.

The speakers bureau, under Rudolph E. Sieler, reported that they furnished speakers for 50 different clubs in Southern California. Some of these were programs furnished for the Inter-City Committee.

The group of committees under community service continued during this year to support the activities that had been sponsored for several years past. The budget covering boys work called for \$1,000.00, to which was added \$200.00 contributed by Ben Tyre, making a total of \$1,200.00 available for the year. The various group sub-committees laid plans for worthwhile projects involving some outlay of the funds allocated, but before any of the work was started, it developed that work on three projects that had been started during the previous year had not been paid for. This was due to delays in completing these projects, principally on account of difficulties in obtaining labor and materials. Because of the closing of the accounts of the previous administration, without the budget allowances being carried over as a credit balance, it was necessary to use the funds allocated for this years projects, to pay off the balance due for the work done in the previous year.

One of these projects consisted of the replacing of two cabins at the Arthur Letts Boy Scout Camp, at a cost of some \$427.00, and \$530.00 was still due on the projects of the Little Valley and Round Meadow Y.M.C.A. camps and which provided these camps dressing rooms and showers. The total cost of these two projects amounted to \$957.60. Another unpaid item of \$200.000 was reported later, which practically used up the budget allowance of the committee.

Howard Rosine, chairman of the Boy Scout Committee reported that the kitchen at Camp Arthur Letts was piped for hot water, and an instantaneous water heater was installed. Three additional toilets were installed, and the necessary changes in plumbing were made for the installation of a hot water heater at a later date. These improvements were made through the generosity of Ed Duke who supplied some of the necessary material, and Frederick Reid, plumbing contractor who donated the work of eight of his men for an entire day.

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From the chairman of other boys work groups, reports were received from Beverly Hill who stated that his committee had maintained contact with the All Nations Foundation and had secured donations of food, soap, paint materials, etc., and from Young Wilhoit came the information that his committee had regularly contacted the Whittier State School, and had made some talks to the boys at the graduation breakfasts.

In Youth Service, Jim Warren wrote that his committee had distributed two hundred copies of a book written by J. Gustave White, Professor of Applied Sociology, Whittier College, and entitled "Finding Your Work."

Morris Pendleton, Student Loan Committee chairman, reported that two loans were made during the year totaling \$1315.00.

Ted Broadhead reported:

"The Crombie Allen International Committee each year sponsors an oratorical contest, known as the Crombie Allen Peace Contest, the general subject of the orations dealing with the contribution of Rotary to International peace. The contests are held among students of the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and Occidental College.

This year the contest was held at U.C.L.A. on May 10th, and among students of that university. Five contestants spoke, and the prize money made possible by Crombie Allen of \$25.00 for first place and \$10.00 and \$5.00 for second and third places was awarded.

The judges were Rotarians John Pearce and Gilbert R. Carlock of the Los Angeles Club, and William Ackerman of the Beverly Hills Club."

"Interest in the program and in the subject is of marked interest on our college and university camp, and I feel that Crombie Allen has done a most worthy act by endowing such a program."

The Salvation Army Committee, Lawrence Frank, chairman, stated that \$399.00 in cash and about \$300.00 worth of foodstuffs were donated by the membership for the Army's Christmas party.

The club did not elect to hold their Friday luncheon meeting at the Army headquarters this year, and the membership as a whole did not participate in the distribution of the Christmas baskets as in former years.

One of the most humane activities sponsored by the Los Angeles Club is in crippled children's work. Dr. H. Waldo Spiers, Orthopedic Surgeon, who had for years been very active in this work, sent in such an interesting report on the committee's accomplishments for the year, that it is reproduced here in full:

"The Crippled Children's Committee reports excellent progress during the 1937-38 Rotary year. The work that it has been able to accomplish has been largely the result of the accumulation of previous years of effort plus the daily constant effort of your committee. The actual accomplishment in this particular twelve months has been greater than at any previous similar interval.

Since July 1, 1937, to date, there has been 79 cases investigated, adjusted, placed, or cared for in various ways by the Los Angeles County Crippled Children's Society. As you know, this Society is the product of the work of the Rotary Club Crippled Children's Committee. The work of this Society has been financed by your Committee in a number of ways. The Los Angeles Rotary Club contributed \$300.00 during the past year. Individual members of the Rotary Club by free will gifts have contributed an amount exceeding \$800.00. The Curtis Publishing Company, through an arrangement with the Society, has contributed in excess of \$100.00 a month. These sums have been sufficient to employ a full time Social Worker and a full time office assistant. The Society has maintained an office in the Wilcox Building which is open daily.

"During the year, craft talks were given by Willard Brown, Arthur Clubb, in the project; the Lions, Optimists, Kiwanis, and Altrurian. Members of these Clubs are now being placed on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Crippled Children's Society.

The Chairman of the Rotary Club Crippled Children's Committee wishes to recognize the generous contribution of time, effort, and money of the members of the Crippled Children's Committee. He wishes to make a special reference to the outstanding contribution of our member, Ed DeGroot. He has acted as Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles County Crippled Children's Society and it is largely through his contributions, executive ability, time and effort, that this most favorable report can be rendered."

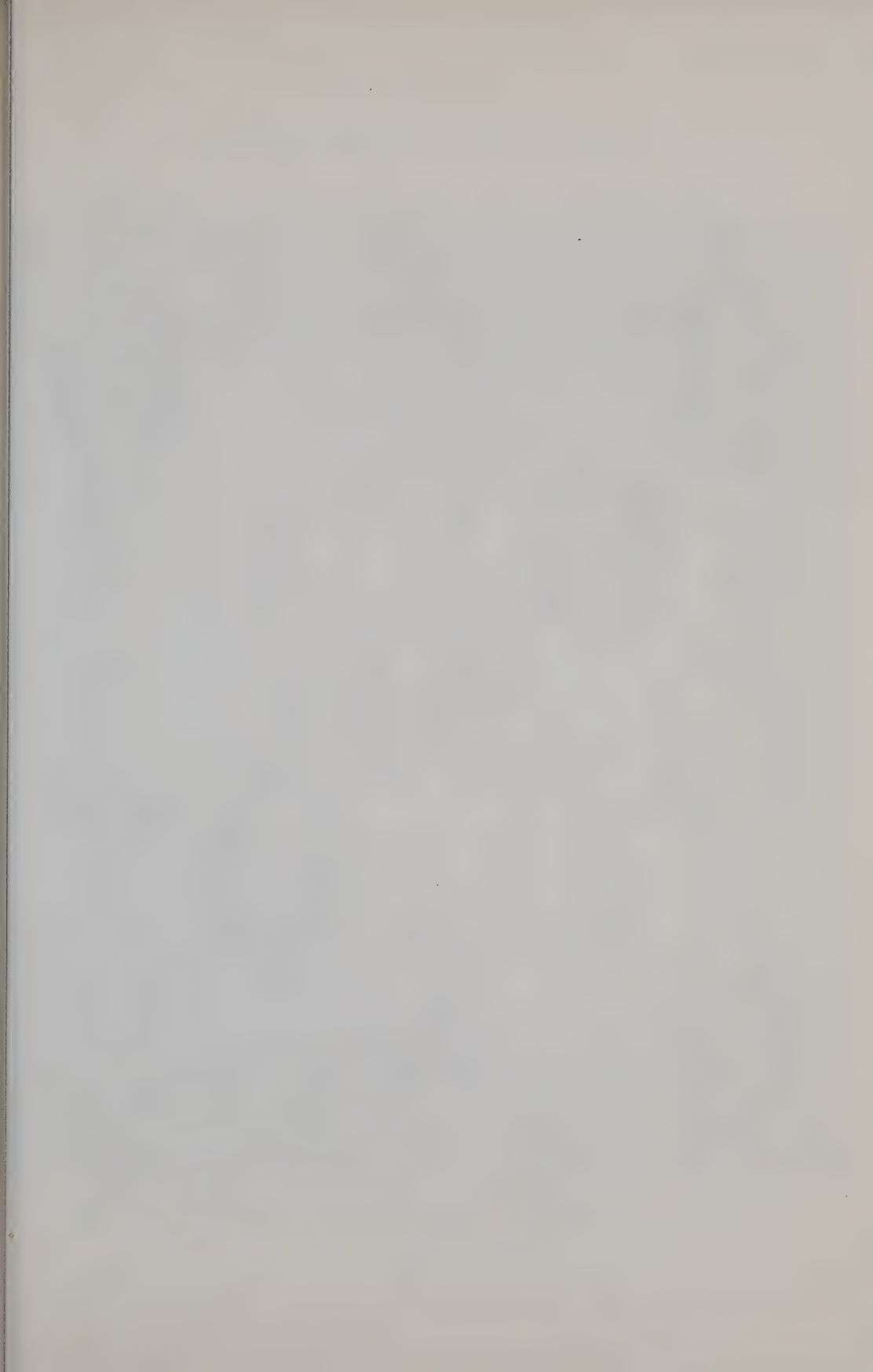
The Milk Fund Committee, Wade Argabrite chairman, again distributed milk to undernourished children through the Maravilla Health Center and the Parent Teachers Association. The amount of their budget was \$1200.00, the same as in former years.

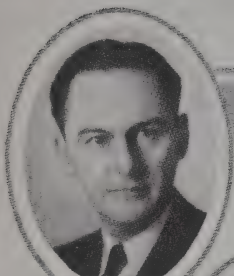
At the meeting of the Directors of December 4th, authorization was given for the purchase of 100 Rotary Bannerettes to be presented to visiting Rotarians from foreign lands. This action was sponsored by the International Committee.

On January 28th, President Hartley announced to the club that the Rotary Club of Vernon had placed the name of our Past President Sam Gates in nomination for the office of District Governor.

Returning from the convention of Rotary International held in San Francisco, President Hartley made his final report to the club on July 8th. It was not possible, he said, to relate the activities and accomplishments of all of his committees, but he did obtain written reports from all of the chairmen for the record. At the end of his report, the new President, Dick Smith, called on Treasurer Jimmie Shelton for a few remarks. In his own inimitable style, Jimmie presented to Joe a beautiful platinum watch and chain on behalf of the club membership. Bruce Finley reported this meeting for THE RODEO, part of which is quoted herewith:

"Joe Hartley's been a royal presiding officer. The opinion is unanimous on that subject. That refrigerating plant located between his lungs and a little to the left side is responsible for much Grade A Pasteurized.





Robert E. Gibson



Richard E. Smith
President



James H. Hines



August F. Johnson



Donald C. Kelly



Paul J. Lusk



William E. McPherson



Arthur J. Morgan



Paul J. Ryan



Lawrence L. Frank



Joseph J. Smith



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Joe's task hasn't been an easy one, either, but he's well endowed with both braun and brains ('scuse please!), and an everlasting reservoir of quick humor.

It must be a real chore to match wits with a room as full of nit—s as one finds among the city's leading tapers assembled en mass each Friday noon.

Joe, you've been a first nighter kleig among us lowly flashlights. Dick Smith's going to need all the candle and horse power his company can generate to outshine the present administration."

Hartley was a dynamic President and was very ambitious that his administration would leave a record of accomplishments. He worked hard in the interest of the community and in 1941 was honored by having been elected to the Presidency of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce (the sixth member of the Los Angeles Rotary Club to hold that office). He was later elected a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

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In his opening message, the new President said:

"On the morning following the election that brought in Rolph as Governor of California, Will Rogers wrote in his column, 'Well, here's one administration that will not try to reform anybody'.

Possibly it's about time to take over the reins of Old Number Five with similar intentions. The gang that took office last Friday is making no promises because they have a notion that Los Angeles Rotary is in pretty good shape where Joe left it.

Please bear in mind there is a distinction between an 'innovation' and a 'reform'. From time to time you may observe a few of the former; if all goes well there will be none of the latter.

Your new officers will follow closely the methods that have been successful in the past. They realize that, after all, it is the members who make up the club. To them we'll say 'We'll do the best we can'."

As with some former Presidents, it was the policy of President Smith to maintain close contact between the Board of Directors and the major club committees. This was accomplished by appointing a board member to each of the important groups, and by having committee chairmen in attendance at some of the board meetings. Through these contacts the officers and directors were able to keep closely informed of the important activities of the committees.

One change of importance that marked the beginning of this administration, was the reduction in size of the club's weekly publication, THE RODEO. For many years this had consisted of four pages, 8¼ by 10½ inches. The one making its appearance on Friday, July first, still had the same number of pages but the size was reduced to 6 by 8¾ inches. This change was later approved by the vote of the membership.

The work of three of the club's major committees was in connection with new members coming into Rotary. The President's Committee was created for the purpose of stimulating the proposal of names for membership; the duties of the Classifications Committee was to examine the classifications suggested, and to pass on them, while the Membership Committee had the responsibility of determining whether or not the candidate's personal qualifications were such as to make him acceptable to membership. The duties of these committees had not heretofore been clarified, particularly the classifications and membership group. At the meeting of the Directors of August 9th, President Smith appointed Geoffrey C. Holly, Irving G. King and George E. White to study some of the questions that occasionally arose, and to make recommendations to the Board. This was done, and at the September 13th meeting, it was voted to accept the findings of the committee, and to set them up at a later date as an amendment to the by-laws. These clarifications as given briefly by President Smith in his final report were:

"The duties of the President's Committee is to survey the numerous lines of commercial and professional activity in our city, to discover men who, in the opinion of the committee, would make good material for membership and then arrange for proposals to be made in behalf of these prospective members as vacancies occur."

"The membership committee has the responsibility of investigating all proposals and submitting to the board only those who have the professional, social and financial standing we expect of every member."

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"The Classifications Committee's duty is to recommend the opening of classifications and also to pass on proposed members TO DETERMINE IF THE MAN TRULY REPRESENTS THE CLASSIFICATION UNDER WHICH HE HAS BEEN PROPOSED."

There is nothing to indicate that the above three paragraphs were ever made a part of the club's by-laws but these rules have continued to guide the activities of the three committees.

The club still had available a number of the booklets entitled "Who is Delinquent?" and because the money expended for the printing of these had all been recovered through sales made, it was voted to reduce the price of the remaining supply to ten cents per copy. This was done at the August meeting of the Board.

The Los Angeles Club had always assumed a very liberal attitude toward granting territorial rights to clubs organized within the city limits of Los Angeles, feeling that because of the great expanse of territory covered by this city, and the resulting development of shopping or business districts in various sections, it would be helpful to encourage the organization of Rotary Clubs in these various parts of the city. This administration felt however, that the number of clubs now established within the territorial limits of Club Number Five had grown to a sufficient number, and that no encouragement should be given to further extension. At the September 13th meeting of the Board, a resolution was passed expressing the opinion that this club should first be notified by the District Governor of his intention to organize any further clubs within this club's territorial limits.

This was augmented by a further resolution on November 8th that no more clubs be permitted to be organized in this club's territory. The membership had voted on November 4th, to release rights to the Rotary Club of Sunland-Tujunga.

Outstanding programs of this year were:

On Friday, July 1st, Judge Thomas White of the District Court of Appeals, delivered an excellent patriotic address.

On August 5th, Paul Shoup, one of our own members, and later President of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association spoke on the relations of employer and employee. This meeting was sponsored by the Vocational Service Committee.

On September 13th, the San Diego Rotary Club in an inter-city visit to Los Angeles, presented as the speaker, Captain Patrick Irving Hay. The Captain was a forceful speaker and was described as the principal character in the book, "Soldiers of Fortune" by Richard Harding Davis.

On October 21st, Joseph Scott, one of the outstanding attorneys of Los Angeles, was the principal speaker at the combined meeting which launched the Community Chest campaign for the year.

On October 26th, A. C. Galbraith, Vice-President of the Union Oil Company, spoke on employer-employee relations. At this meeting, many employees of Rotarians were guests.

On Saturday, November 12th, a ladies night costume party was held at the Westport Beach Club.

On February 3rd, Charles Wheeler, third Vice-President, and later President of Rotary International and a director of the State Society for Crippled Children, spoke on Crippled Childrens' work.

On March 10th, the Long Beach Rotary Club presented as their guest speaker, one of their own talented members, Dr. George MacDonald. This was at the return inter-city visit of that club.

A very nice feature of all of the meetings presided over by President Smith during the year was the excellent manner in which Secretary Irving G. King introduced and welcomed visiting Rotarians and guests. Each week his message of welcome was varied to suit the particular meeting and the visitors and guests who were present. These introductions received many favorable comments from the members and are remembered with much pleasure.

Important items published in THE RODEO included:

On August 5th, it was announced that Rotarian C. P. MacGregor had donated 500 phonograph records to the Boys Work Committee for distribution to Boys Camps.

On September 23rd, it was published that Secretary Irving King, as personal representative of District Governor Sam Gates, dedicated a cabin at Big Pine, donated to the All Nations Foundation by the Vernon Rotary Club.

On December 2nd, it was announced that Harry Henderson, a member of the Los Angeles Club for 15 years, had retired as secretary of the Y.M.C.A., a position of service held by him for 33 years.

The very complete report on his administration left by President Smith reveals many other important accomplishments in the various phases of Rotary. The information given in the following paragraphs was taken from this report.

The International Service Committee under the aggressive chairmanship of James Loudon, conducted a voluminous correspondence with

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clubs outside of the United States. They communicated with every club in Latin America and sent letters of congratulation to each new club throughout the world on the granting of it's charter. Members of the committee were in the lobby each Friday to extend greetings to visitors from foreign lands, and to sit with them during the luncheon. In many instances they provided facilities whereby the visitors could find more pleasure while visiting in Los Angeles.

On June 2nd, the committee presented Dr. Polyzoydes, well known authority on international subjects, as the guest speaker. To this meeting were invited many consular staff residents of our city as our guests.

An unusual report was filed by Wesley Smith, Chairman of the Fellowship Committee, in which he gave the statistics of the people who passed through our doors during the Rotary year. Gross attendance reached the surprising figure of 18,287. Of these, 3,541 were visiting Rotarians, and 1,959 were guests. Of the visiting Rotarians 145 were from outside continental United States. These came from 12 countries in Europe and Asia, 12 North, Central and South American countries, and from 3 Island possessions.

The report of the attendance committee gave the number of members at the beginning of the year as 350, which had dropped to 345 at the year's close. The percentage of attendance for the period was 88.86, exceeding the previous year's good record of 85.73 by 3.13 percent. This was a remarkable record for so large a club as Number 5.

The Speakers Bureau furnished 40 programs for neighboring clubs, with 20 of our members participating.

The club's finances were reported on by Treasurer Jimmie Shelton. This showed:

Income	\$21,479.34
Expenditures	20,148.46
Gain for the year	\$ 1,330.88
Assets:	
Trust Fund	\$26,686.03
Student Loan Fund	
Notes and Cash	6,263.63
Crombie Allen Fund	1,014.14
Total of General Fund	8,570.32
Net Worth as of June 30, 1939	\$42,534.12

The budget allowances for Community Service Work remained at the amounts that had set as standards for several years, the most important of which were, for Boys Work, \$1000.00; for the Milk Fund, \$1200.00; for Crippled Children, \$300.00. These amounts did not represent all that was spent in the activities named, for as in previous years many members and committee men contributed funds as well as personal efforts to the projects in which they were interested. This is brought out in the reports of some of the committee chairmen, given further on in this chapter.

The money allocated for the Milk Fund was again distributed through the Maravilla Health Center and the Parent Teachers Association, and the Boys Work Committee again allocated their \$1000.00 to the various groups. In his final report, President Smith covered these activities as follows:

"The All Nations Boys Club had need of the services of a paid director. Our committee in contact with this group provided funds so that a college student could maintain his school work and take the position of director for this club. In this way, we helped not only the boys but the student.

The Forestry Camp group, by using a little money and a lot of ingenuity, succeeded in supplying the camps with all the requested athletic equipment needed for the year.

The Boy Scouts Committee provided an electric refrigerator for Camp Arthur Letts, made needed improvements to the sewerage disposal system, and undertook the construction of a dormitory to house 24 scouts. This building is now practically completed.

The Whittier State School group keeps in touch with the boys as they are about to graduate and endeavors to find employment for them as they are about to leave the institution.

The Y.M.C.A. Committee concentrated their efforts on improvements in the boys club room at the 'Y', and as a side issue participated in the securing of sponsor memberships for a great number of boys who otherwise would have been unable to have the use of Y.M.C.A. facilities."

The Student Loan Committee made nine loans aggregating \$1384.00 for the distribution of 300 Christmas baskets for distribution to the city's needy.

The Student Loan Committee made nine loans aggregating \$1384.00 and collected on previous loans, \$1093.00. At the end of the year, they reported a cash balance of \$1776.00. This committee made the statement that in seven years of operation, the fund had suffered no loss from bad debts.

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The Crippled Childrens committee continued its co-operation with the Los Angeles County Crippled Childrens' Society, the authorized agency which since its organization, has rendered service to no less than 1000 cases throughout the county.

The Crombie Allen Oratorical contest was held in May this year at the University of Southern California. The subject this year was "Rotary's contribution to World Peace."

After returning from the International Convention in Cleveland, President Dick rendered the very complete report of his administration at the meeting of July 14th, 1939. Past President Dana H. Jones, in a short humorous address, demoted him from the office of President, and then in a more serious vein, presented him with a fine oil painting, a candid camera and other photographic equipment, all on behalf of the membership. Dick's personality and his ability as a presiding officer had endeared him to all of the members. Irving G. King, who as secretary, worked closely with him during his Rotary year, contributed the following:

"In spite of a long standing and deep rooted illness, Dick displayed to his fellow members a kindly personality and a radiant wit from the rostrum that was a constant joy. In his conduct of Directors meetings and other Rotary conferences he gave an understanding consideration to all proposals which in spite of his mild manner inspired a great confidence in his leadership. His lovable character, his keen mind and obvious ability created a personal loyalty in each person associated with him so that each was determined to give the best he had just to be worthy of that association.

"As a man he was deeply religious, loved music, especially organ music (he had a pipe organ built into his living room at home) and gave much of his time and worldly goods to charitable purposes. He was always ready to help out in the development of an entertainment program and his annual 'Gridiron' programs at the Rotary Club will always be remembered.

"Any one of us who considered him a friend will always remember him as one of the best, he was a great man and one none of us who knew him well will ever forget. Dick passed away on December 8th, 1940, just about a year after finishing his term in the presidency and his going was a great blow to our club."

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The administration took office on July 14th, after the return of the delegates to the International Convention held at Cleveland during the week of June.

Harry G. Haake, chairman of the program committee, for this year, arranged for several outstanding programs, the most important of which are described in the following paragraphs.

On July 28th, C. Seymour Bullock, Past District Governor of the 20th District of Rotary, spoke on the subject of "Rotary and the Status Quo." Former United States Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, was a guest at this meeting.

The meeting of September 1st was addressed by Dr. Bruce Baxter, a former member of the Los Angeles Club, and new President of Wil-lamette University.

The Vocational Service Committee presented our own member, Max Koffman as the speaker on September 22nd. His subject was "What price competition?"

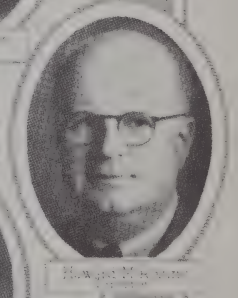
The first District Governor of what was then known as Rotary's 23rd District, comprised of the states of California, Nevada and Arizona, H. J. "Bru" Brunnier, spoke to our club on October 13th, his subject being "Rotary and where it is going."

October 27th was Navy Day, and our program was given over to two officers of the Navy as our guest speakers. They were Rear Admiral Sinclair Gannon and Captain Claude B. Mayo.

*W. W. Touchstone elected by the Board of Directors to fill vacancy created by election of Harry G. Haake to the Vice-Presidency.



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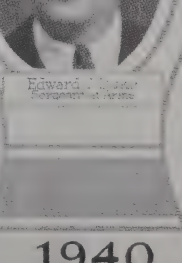
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November 10th was Football Day, with many stars of past and present. Howard Jones, coach of the University of Southern California, made a short talk. Other notables in football and sports were introduced and included Morley Drury, Bob Peoples, Dick Hyland, Hobbs Adams and Bones Hamilton. Bill Hunter, director of athletics at U.S.C., Babe Horrell, coach at U.C.L.A., and George Davis, sports editor of the Herald Express, were also introduced.

November 17th. Robert E. Gross, President of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation spoke on the subject of Aviation and it's future.

On December 1st, Program Chairman Haake presented a very unusual feature in George McManus, famous cartoonist and creator of the comic strip "Jiggs and Maggie." In addition to his interesting talk on cartoons and cartooning, Mr. McManus gave several quick demonstrations of his art.

At the Christmas meeting of December 22nd to which the ladies and children were invited, several champions of the tennis world were introduced. They were Alice Marble, Ellsworth Vines, Welby Van Horn, Eleanor Tennant, Ted Schroeder and Budge Patty. An interesting feature of entertainment for the children was a short talk by "Uncle Whoa Bill" of Radio Fame.

The principal speaker at the meeting of February 9th was the dynamic and colorful President of the Union Pacific Railroad, Mr. Wm. Jeffers, whose subject was "Common Sense Railroading."

On February 16th, sixty-two members of the Rotary Club of San Diego paid our club a visit and presented one of their members, Mr. George Wilkie, as their speaker.

On March 29th, we were honored by the presence of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana who spoke on Democracy in action.

The program of April 5th was presented by Merle Thorpe, editor and publisher of The Nations' Business.

"The Rodeo" published the following items:

The issue of January 26th stated that Arthur M. Loomis, who became a member of the Los Angeles Club in 1920, had been elected to the office of Potentate of Al Malikah Temple of the Shrine, and James R. (Jimmie) Pierce, who joined Rotary in 1932, was elected President of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement of the donation by Rotarian Rox Spillsbury of the Watson E. Bockman Memorial Library to the All Nations Boys Club was carried in the issue of April 12th. This donation consisted of 1000 volumes and was in memory of the popular and beloved Rotarian who had passed away during the previous year.

The budget covering Community Service activities varied slightly from former years in that \$1100.00 was allocated for Boys Work. The amounts given for the Milk Fund and Crippled Childrens work remained the same, being \$1200.00 and \$300.00 respectively.

Peter Heiser, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee called a 107th district meeting on Boys Work, in an endeavor to co-ordinate the work of all of the clubs in the district in this activity. This meeting was held at the Mayfair Hotel on January 11th.

The programs of the sub-committees of the Boys' Work Committee were outlined as follows:

The Boy Scouts group laid plans for rehabilitating Camp Arthur Letts. The Y.M.C.A. committee worked out a program of sponsoring youth leaders, to be used particularly in a district where there is a high percentage of delinquency. The Whittier State School group planned to work directly with the boys on probation from the school.

The Forestry Camp Committee, headed by Herb Powell and accompanied by Pete Heiser and Jack Jackson made the trip to the San Dimas camp just before Christmas and presented to the camp, a fine 16 mm. Eastman Motion Picture projector, to assist in the entertainment of the boys. The committee also replenished the supply of athletic equipment, magazines and phonographic records.

The RODEO of June 7th carried a report by Chairman Max Koffman on activities of the All Nations Boys Club-committee, telling of the program put on by the committee for the boys. Pete Heiser gave a splendid talk about the radio and its service to the community and the world. After this the meeting adjourned to the factory of Gilfillan Brothers, manufacturers of radio equipment, for a personally conducted tour through the plant. Walter Teague donated two sweaters as prizes for the two best descriptive papers to be written by the boys on what they had learned on their trip through the factory.

The committee continued the practice followed by former All Nations Rotary committees, of paying for a part time instructor for the wood shop, as well as furnishing tools and supplies for the boys to work with.

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At the club meeting of Friday, January 21st, the Boys' Work Committee put on the program and had as their guests, groups of boys from the various agencies sponsored. Boys from the Y.M.C.A. rendered some musical numbers and the boys from the All Nations Club furnished the balance of the program.

In Crippled Childrens Work, the RODEO of October 13th published that the committee had been successful in establishing a new metal arts factory as an employment outlet for rebuilt crippled children, furnishing employment for five workers. This was being operated by Mrs. Mildred Asher in her own home at 1002 North Alfred Street in Hollywood. The committee at that time appealed for the free use of some vacant storeroom so that the work could be extended.

In the RODEO of January 12th, Rox Spillsbury, chairman of the Crippled Childrens Committee, reported a visit to the Orthopedic Hospital where he met 25 of the child inmates that were treated in orthodontia by Rotarian C. M. MacCauley. These treatments consisted of correcting jaw alignment and straightening teeth so that the handicapped children could meet life without disfigurement. Some of these cases required two years to complete. "Doc" MacCauley and his three assistants donated their services in this work.

Additional reports by Chairman Rox were that Rotarian Darwin S. (Bud) Chesney had accepted the job of Secretary of the Los Angeles County Crippled Childrens Society, and would devote his time and ability toward carrying out the program developed by Rotary. This program completed the consolidation of the work of the State and County Societies for Crippled Children. It consisted of guiding and counseling the children and obtaining for them the medical education and brace service which taxpayers had already provided by Federal, State and County funds. This was accomplished by State Manager Rotarian Warren Griffith of San Francisco and Bud Chesney, with two paid assistants.

The program also contemplated a placement service to secure employment for rehabilitated young people to make them self supporting. This work, already started, required the education of the employer and the public.

Another activity in community service was the donation to and assisting the Salvation Army in the distribution of approximately 250 Christmas baskets to the poor families of the city.

During the month of February, the club office forwarded a check in the amount \$196.50 to Rotary International for the Rotary Relief fund, and in April a check for \$484.85 for the Finnish Relief Fund. These amounts had been donated by the club members.

Lawrence S. Koenig, chairman of the Intercity Committee, reported several visits to other clubs, including San Francisco on November 14th. At this meeting our club put on the program, presenting Professor Andre Labonov Rastovsky of U.C.L.A. The final ten minutes were given over to Italian-American extemporaneous verse by Tony Cabutch, whom the Los Angeles visitors had brought with them for the purpose.

On March 20th a visit was made to the Long Beach Club, where Lew Weiss and Pat Brannon put on the program, and on April 11th we visited San Diego.

Chairman Koenig's final report stated that 12 intercity visits to other clubs were arranged for the year, and 30 or more Los Angeles Rotarians attended these visits.

Under the heading of fellowship, Hugo Burgwald reported a very successful outing held at the Uplifters Club in Santa Monica Canyon on September 19th. It was the last of these outings as such, which had been an annual event of the club since 1925. Henceforth, this event was merged with the activities of the golf committee.

On the evening of December 2nd, Jimmie Pierce, chairman of the Ladies entertainment committee, held an enjoyable formal dinner-dance at the California Country Club.

Rotary reached the impressive age of 35 years in February, 1940, and the week of February 18th to 24th was set aside as Rotary Observance Week. In a bulletin issued from Rotary International Headquarters, this statement was made:

"Every Rotary Club, regardless of size or age, can and should take part in Rotary Observance week. The essential purpose of the week is to promote an understanding of Rotary both by Rotarians and by the public."

In an official statement by R. I. President Walter C. Head the importance of Rotary Observance Week was emphasized in these words:

"This week in more than 3,000 communities in the United States, and also in communities of the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and in far flung islands of the seven seas, Rotarians and Rotary Clubs are to participate in Rotary Observance Week celebrations and activities."

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Rotarian A. Carman Smith was appointed chairman of the committee to promote Observance Week by the Los Angeles Club. Many sub-chairmen were appointed by him to carry through on the program as outlined. Chairman Smith's report revealed many accomplishments, a brief summary of which is as follows:

The week opened with Rotary speakers occupying a large number of pulpits throughout the city. This was made possible through the Federation of Churches, and through the help of Monseignor O'Dwyer of the Catholic Churches. Through the balance of the week, Rotary speakers appeared before the student bodies of schools, delivering the message of Rotary developed primarily around Rotary's slogan "He profits most who serves best." This work was directed by Rotarian W. B. Henley.

The Round Table provided three excellent Rotary information programs in connection with luncheon meetings. The discussions at these meetings covered community service, vocational service and club service.

A special edition of the RODEO consisting of six pages, 8½ by 11 inches, was published and sent to the members of all of the clubs in this district. It featured many impressive articles on Rotary fundamentals.

News stories calculated to give the public a more adequate concept of Rotary were published in all Los Angeles newspapers. More than 5200 lines of Rotary news material appeared during the week. This part of the work was handled by Dana H. Jones.

Rotary messages were broadcast over some Los Angeles radio stations; the Good Samaritan Committee having previously notified incapacitated Rotarians of the scheduled broadcasts.

Rotarians Roy McNeil, George Hall and Philo Holland co-operated toward furnishing and posting throughout the city, upwards of fifty 24 sheet posters, featuring the Rotary slogan "He profits most who serves best." International President Walter D. Head in commenting on the showing of these posters, stated that in his opinion they constituted the most impressive Rotary announcement that had ever come to his attention.

The Friday luncheon meeting was conducted as an intercity meeting, with International President Head as the speaker. It was considered a signal honor that of the 3000 clubs in the United States featuring Rotary Observance Week, the Los Angeles Club should be so honored. Approximately 1200 attended the meeting, and the President's address

on "Rotary and World Peace" was acclaimed as a tremendous inspiration. Through the co-operation of Rotarian Lew Weiss, this address was broadcast coast to coast, over the Mutual Network. Rotarian C. P. MacGregor made recordings of this program, which were made available to other clubs.

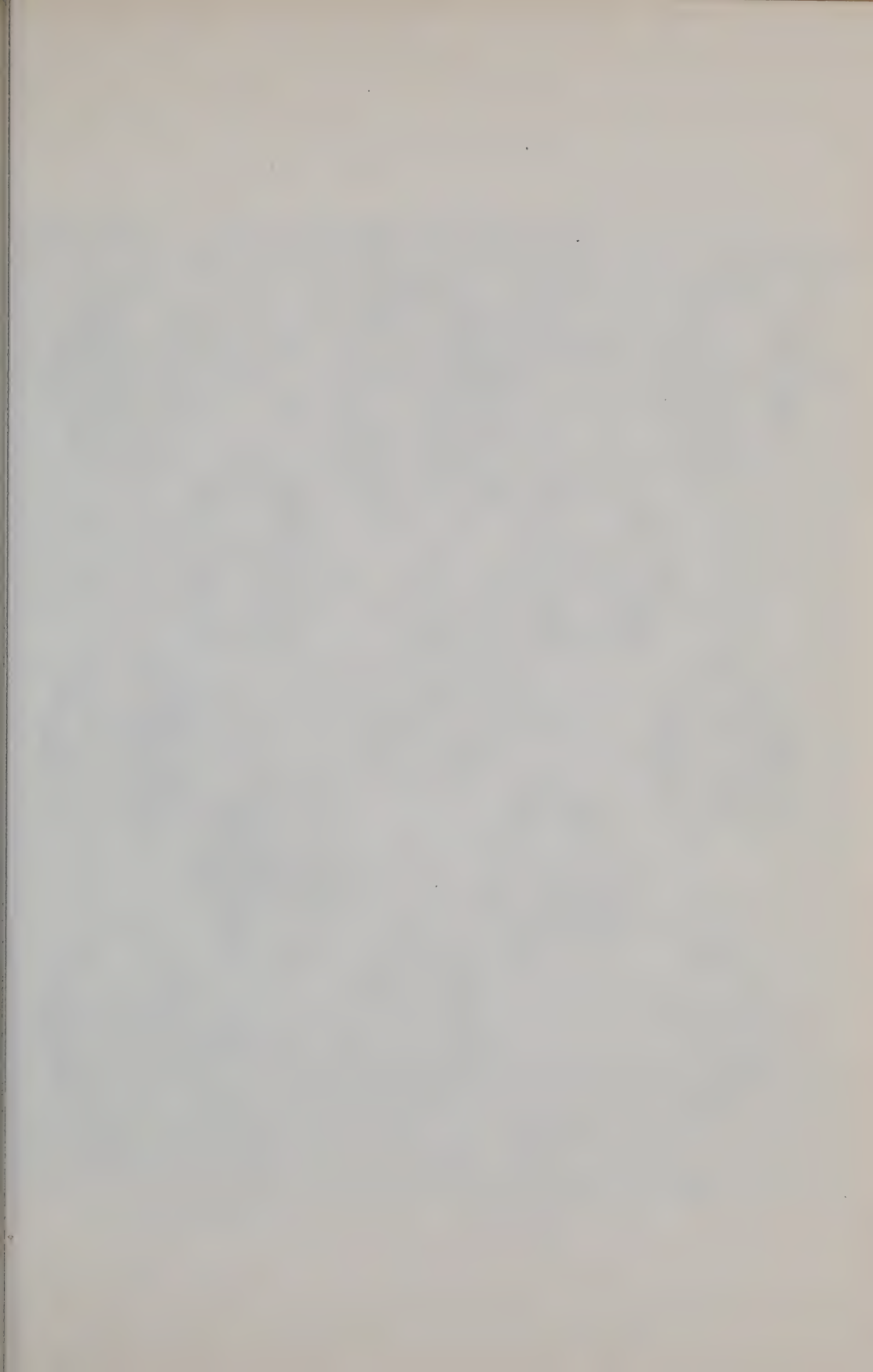
On Friday afternoon, at Santa Anita, the featured race of the day was announced and published as "The Rotary Club Handicap." President Walter Head—a lover of horses—was the guest of honor, and placed the garland of roses around the neck of the winner of the event. On this occasion an appropriate statement regarding Rotary and Rotary Observance Week was made over the Santa Anita loud-speaker system, and it is estimated that upwards of 50,000 people thus received the Rotary message.

The activities of the week were brought to a fitting climax with a reception for International President and Mrs. Head, held at Wilshire Country Club, and followed by a banquet and grand ball, all under the able direction of Mrs. Bulah Spiers, wife of Rotarian Waldo Spiers. This occasion was notable for the elaborate floral decorations which included floral wheels in Rotary colors. Corsages were furnished the ladies, and boutonnières for gentlemen. Rotarian Lawrence Frank donated a large birthday cake, also decorated in Rotary colors, and Rotarian Newman Kellaway furnished the place cards and menus, done in the blue and gold of Rotary.

This Rotary Observance Week was one of the outstanding highlights in the history of the Los Angeles club and for its educational value, of Rotary International. International officers were very profuse in their compliments on the conduct of Rotary Observance Week in Los Angeles.

When this Rotary year was brought to a close, the RODEO published the figures on membership as being 345, at the beginning, and 342 at the end. The attendance percentage remained above 86.

When the retiring President gave his annual report, he was presented with a Hamilton wrist watch, and a set of silver service in the rose point pattern. It was at the end of this year there was inaugurated the custom of presenting to the retiring President, a copper plate on which were engraved the signatures of the members.





George J. Winters



Harry C. Irvine
President



Charles E. Johnson



Fred C. Smith



Howard M. Roscoe



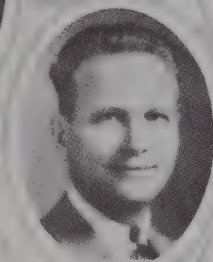
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After returning from the annual meeting of Rotary International held at Havana, Cuba, in June, President Haake took office at the regular meeting of July 12th, and on the following Friday he and Secretary Koenig reported on the salient features of the Convention.

The programs for this year, under the chairmanship of Vice-President George Worster were planned to conform with the outline as recommended by Rotary International and were interesting as well as educational. The most outstanding of these are described briefly in the following paragraphs.

On July 5th, Lou Guernsey as chairman of the day presented Rupert Hughes in the annual patriotic program. Guests at this meeting included several executives of Los Angeles newspapers, and many civic leaders.

On August 2nd, John Burton, outstanding sociologist, philosopher and lecturer spoke on "The crises in human affairs."

August 16th, Mary D. Briggs, Postmistress of Los Angeles, presented some impressive features of the local postoffice, the nation's fifth in size, and the fastest growing.

The meeting of August 23rd was honored by the presence of Alvin C. York, whom General Pershing described as an outstanding hero of the World War. Sergeant York spoke for a few minutes on the work of his school in Tennessee.

August 30th, Hazel Hurst, founder of the Hazel Hurst Foundation for the Blind, explained the objectives of the foundation.

Rotary was host on September 8th to the other service clubs of the city, in launching the annual community chest campaign. President Haake presided, and presented many stars of screen and radio. Talks were made by Joseph Scott, Rupert Hughes, and Dr. M. Sayle Taylor. This meeting was broadcast over the Mutual Network.

September 28th was "Shrine Day" honoring Potentate Arthur M. Loomis, who had been a member of Los Angeles Rotary since 1920. The guest of honor at this meeting was Harold Lloyd, past Potentate of Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine and screen comedian of the days of the silent films. Entertainment was provided by the Shrine Band and the Shrine Chanters.

The San Diego Rotary Club, sixty strong, visited us on October 11th and presented as their speaker, Mr. Albert M. Campione, Italian immigrant, and now resident manager of Hotel del Coronado, who spoke on the subject of "Citizenship".

On October 18th, the speaker was Mary Patterson Routt, nationally known world traveler, lecturer and Washington newspaper columnist. This was Ladies Day and Mildred Haake presided.

The Vocational Service committee presented Past International President Almon E. Roth, as the speaker on November 1st. As President of the San Francisco employers Council, he was well equipped to present "The effects of the National emergency on labor relations". At this meeting, Rotarian H. O. Dyck, presented a 60 voice choir from the David Starr Jordan High School, of which he was Principal.

The Long Beach Rotary Club visited us on November 15th and presented Dr. Dan W. Kurtz as their speaker. They also presented the Jordan Brass quartet in a musical number.

November 29th was Football Day with Pete Heiser as chairman, and featured by the appearance of several gridiron stars of past and present, with music by the University of Southern California band. Brief talks were made by Coach Babe Horrel of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Coach Howard Jones of the University of Southern California. This was Howard Jones' last appearance at our club, his death occurring a few months later.

December 20th was a family Christmas party, and for the entertainment of the children, the program committee presented among others, the famous screen and radio comedians, Gracie Allen and George Burns. Christmas presents were distributed to the children.

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Our club was honored on February 21st by the appearance of Paul P. Harris, President Emeritus of Rotary International. Paul introduced and welcomed eight new members into our club.

The club's first baseball program was given on March 14th. At this meeting the most interesting speaker was Cornelius McGillicuddy (Connie Mack) of the Philadelphia Athletics. Other stars introduced were "Jigger" Statz then manager of the Los Angeles Angels, and Lou Novikoff and Billy Herman of the Chicago Cubs.

On March 28th, the Mutual Network's ace Washington reporter, Mr. Fulton Lewis Jr., was the speaker of the day, his talk being broadcast by the company's stations. Mr. Lewis' speech also furnished the program for the Avalon, Catalina Rotary Club who were meeting at the same time, and for the reception of which a radio had been installed in the room where the island Rotarians had gathered.

April 11th was Good Friday and the Pasadena Boys' Choir again furnished a program of Easter music.

Allison Ware, first Vice-President of Rotary International, spoke at the meeting of April 18th.

The week of May 7th was proclaimed boys and girls week, and on Friday, the 12th, the Youths' Service committee under the chairmanship of Roger Truesdail, presented screen stars Pat O'Brien and Gail Page as guests of honor, with J. Whitcomb Brougner Jr. as the speaker. This program was designed for the entertainment of over 600 students of the graduating classes of the Los Angeles Commercial High Schools, who were present.

Important actions by the Board of Directors were as follows:

At the first meeting in July, the year's budget was adopted which provided:

Boys' Work Committee.....	1200.00
Crippled Childrens Committee	300.00
Milk Fund Committee	1200.00

On August 13th, a resolution was passed which authorized inserting the Senior membership in the club constitution under Article III, Section 1. This resolution also instructed the Secretary to notify the chairmen of the President's, Classification, and Membership Committees of this action and to furnish them with the rules governing the new type of membership.

On October 8th, the Board voted to change the membership of Paul Pape to the status of senior membership, the first to be granted in the Los Angeles club.

At the same meeting, a resolution was passed inviting to guest membership in the club for one year, students from the University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, Occidental University and Loyola University.

Another resolution was passed to submit to the vote of the club members a change in the by-laws which would provide for a limit of 350, exclusive of honorary members.

On November 12th, the Board voted to endorse Tom J. Davis, of Butte, Montana, for the office of President of Rotary International, and requested the secretary to notify the Nominating Committee of Rotary International of this action.

At this same meeting, on the suggestion of the Secretariat at Chicago, the Board voted to extend to Wm. M. McCloy, "Honorary Membership—Military". This was to be for the duration of the war, and was the first of numerous such memberships to be extended to members who had entered the armed services of our country.

At the Board meeting of December 10th, Howard M. Rosine, chairman of the Community Service Committee, recommended that, of the funds donated by the club membership for Christmas baskets, all of which had formerly been presented to the Salvation Army, a portion be given to the All Nations Foundation, the Y.M.C.A., and the Good Will Industries. The recommendation was adopted, but stipulating that a limit be placed on the three latter agencies. In his report covering this, Chairman Rosine listed the amounts given to each agency as follows:

Salvation Army	400.00
Goodwill Industries.....	100.00
All Nations Foundation	87.50
Y.M.C.A.	87.50

The amount of money donated for Christmas baskets exceeded the amounts allocated to the four agencies listed by \$53.75, and this was given to the Crippled Childrens Committee.

The Directors also voted to leave with their successors a recommendation that they give consideration to the possibilities of adopting some plan for the distribution of Christmas baskets by the club, instead of

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through the various agencies. In this way, the proper credit would be given Rotary instead of the agencies, as had been the case in the past years.

Announcements published in The Rodeo were:

The issue of July 19th gave the result of a collection for the Red Cross made during the meeting of July 12th. The amount given by the members totaled \$330.80.

July 26th, W. Ballentine Henley offered to conduct a class in public speaking for twenty-five members of the club.

The issue of December 20th carried the information that Kenyon J. Scudder, a former member of this club, was appointed Warden of the new "Honor" prison at Chino.

The accomplishments of the various committees were given by President Haake in his annual report. The most important of these are recorded in the following paragraphs.

The Good Samaritan Committee under Leo Green kept constant contact with members who were ill and sent flowers to those more seriously afflicted. Flowers were also presented to several wives and mothers of Rotarians. The committee had the sad duty of attending the funerals of five members who passed away during the year. They were:

Past President Richard E. Smith

George E. White

Ronald Eberhart

Seymour Swartz

Arthur Hastings

Club Finances reported on by Treasurer James Shelton:

Income	\$22,762.20
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Expenditures	21,181.38
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Assets:

General Fund	11,240.02
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Trust Fund	27,483.87
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Student Loan Fund	6,383.69
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Crombie Allen Fund	1,095.07
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Net Worth	<u>\$46,202.65</u>
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Report of Membership Committee:

Membership — July 1st, 1940	345
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Membership — June 5th, 1941	348
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Attendance Committee, Beverly Hill chairman, reported.

Attendance percentage 1940-41	88.33%, an
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increase over the previous year of	1.19%
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The International Convention Committee, A. Carman Smith chairman, reported on having arranged a special train to Denver over the Union Pacific and Denver Rio Grande Railroads. This train was made available to all Rotarians in the 107th district. It left on Friday evening, June 13th, arriving at Denver on Sunday evening June 15th. Over sixty Los Angeles Rotarians and their wives traveled to the convention on this train. Color motion pictures en route and in Denver were made by Roger Truesdail and Albert Case. These were shown later at a club meeting.

The Intercity Committee, C. P. MacGregor chairman, visited seven clubs during the year, with an average attendance of 24. The clubs visited were Hawthorne, Vernon, San Marino, Azusa, San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Monica. The committee presented the programs at these meetings.

Fred Willis, chairman of the Fellowship Committee, reported that 4310 visiting Rotarians had been registered during the year, 85 of whom hailed from outside the continental United States.

Bob Carlock, reporting as chairman of the Round Table Room, stated that the Room had been redecorated, the ventilation system improved, and several new bridge tables and some comfortable chairs had been installed. The large assortment of flags were placed in cabinets. Byron Badham placed an attractive clock in the room, and Gene Menz had a copy of the Los Angeles Herald Express delivered daily.

Part of the work of the International Service Committee, T. H. Mitchell chairman, consisted of writing congratulatory letters to all new clubs formed outside of the United States during the year. Many of these letters were graciously acknowledged, indicating the appreciation with which they were received. Other correspondence of a good will nature, from foreign countries, was handled by this committee, replies usually being made in the language of the corresponding country.

On a number of occasions, members of the committee met Rotarians from foreign countries at the railroad station, dock, or airfield, and escorted them to their hotels. In some instances they provided entertainment for the visitors, frequently arranging for dinners and visits to motion picture or radio studios.

During Foreign Trade Week, the committee sponsored a program during which members of a Peruvian Military delegation and other foreign notables were introduced, and the principal speaker was Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, former President of Nicaragua.

The Crippled Childrens Committee under Paul Deitrich as chairman, continued to support the Los Angeles County Crippled Childrens Society, and on December 6th, sponsored a program during which Warren Griffith of San Francisco, secretary of the California State Society for Crippled Children, was the speaker.

The Milk Fund committee continued to contribute to the same agencies that had been handling the distribution of milk for undernourished children. President Haake and Vice-President Worster investigated these agencies during the year and reported that no money spent by the club could go further or do more good.

The Program covering Boys Work was laid out by Chairman Peter Heiser, as reported in the RODEO of October 4th. The RODEO of May 16th carried a report of the open house invitation issued to Rotarians and their families by the All Nations Boys' Club for Tuesday, May 20th. This was during Boys Week, when other activities were programmed for different days. On Thursday evening, Gladys Avenue was roped off for street events, featuring scooter races.

In the RODEO of June 20th, a report is given of the dinner tendered by the Rotary Club to 120 boy members of the downtown Y.M.C.A. These boys were members of the Tenth Street area project, an attraction made possible through the support of this club. This area was one of high delinquency record and was in desperate need of leadership such as was made available through the Rotary Y.M.C.A. project.

Other activities in Boys Work apparently were not completed in time for the President's report.

Upon returning from the Convention in Denver, President Haake gave the final report of his administration to the club on Friday, July 18th. Lou Guernsey acting for the membership, presented Harry with a pianoforte, an antique, built in London in the early 1800's. Lou also presented retiring President Haake with a copper plaque on which had been engraved the signatures of all the members of the Club.

Larry S. Koenig, secretary during President Haake's administration, paid the following tribute to his fellow officer.

"As secretary during Harry Haake's administration, I had an opportunity at close range to observe the nature of his leadership.

He was tireless and unfailing in the discharge of his presidential responsibilities. It was a pleasure to work with him. I found him understanding and friendly in all matters relating to Rotary or its membership, never assuming an arbitrary or selfish attitude toward anybody, or any situation confronting him.

He practiced the ideals of Rotary in his own life. Whatever success might have attended my administration as President two years later, was measured largely by the example given me by Harry Haake."

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President Worster sent a message to the club, from Denver. We quote from it.

"Words cannot adequately express my feelings for having been given the honor of serving this coming year as your president. I sincerely thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. It will be my one ambition to so direct my attention and efforts to merit this great confidence. However, I realize this is not a one-man job It requires the full support of the entire membership, as well as the constant co-operation of all committees. This, I am sure, will be forthcoming.

Your Officers and Committee Chairmen look forward to the pleasure of serving our Club with the thought in mind of furthering the Ideals of Rotary, and in particular expanding the importance of our own Club in the community. With your help we cannot fail."

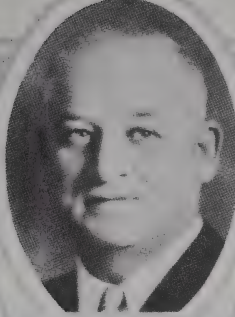
The first meeting of the new Rotary year over which President Worster presided was on July 25th when reports of the International convention held at Denver the previous month were given by George and Secretary Roger Truesdail. Other outstanding programs of the year were as follows:

On September 24th, several Los Angeles service clubs joined to again launch the Community Chest program, under the sponsorship of the Service Clubs' Council of Los Angeles. The Lions Club was host and presented several stars of radio and screen.

October 3rd, Sam Gates, chairman of the newly created National Service Committee, presented Mr. Albert W. Hawkes, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, as the speaker. Mr. Hawkes spoke on "Responsibilities and Rights of Business". Members of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce were invited to attend the meeting.



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Vice-President



George E. Worster
President



Roger W. Truesdell
Secretary



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Mr. Edward H. Spicer, Past President of the Rotary Club of London, England, and Past Governor of District No. 9 of R.I.B.I. was the guest speaker on October 24th. Rotarian Spicer spoke on the subject of "The Peace After the War".

The program of October 31st was in honor of twenty-four Past Presidents of Club No. 5 with Past District Governor James K. Ingham as the speaker.

James V. Yankie as chairman of the Boys' Work Committee presided over the program of November 7th, which was presented by boys from the Y.M.C.A., All Nations Boys Club, and the Boy Scouts.

On November 14th, the Rotary Club of Long Beach paid us their annual inter-city visit.

December 5th was again football day. Rotarian Pete Heiser, former star of the Stanford Indians presided and introduced as speakers, George Davis, sports editor of the Los Angeles Herald Express; Dick Hyland, sports writer of the Los Angeles Times and also a former Stanford star, and Coach Elmer Henderson of Occidental College. Other guests of honor were coaches Babe Horrel of UCLA, and Sam Barry of USC. Music was furnished by the UCLA band.

On January 2nd, International President Tom J. Davis of Butte, Montana, paid his official visit to District No. 107, and spoke to the Los Angeles Club before more than twelve hundred Rotarians. This was by far the largest attendance in the history of the club, and it was possibly the largest attendance at a regular meeting of any Rotary Club. President Davis' speech was broadcast over all one hundred and eighty-nine affiliated stations of the Mutual Network and all stations of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Short wave station WRUL of Boston carried the speech to countries of Central and South America and Europe. This was the greatest radio hookup ever accorded any individual with the exception of the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain.

At the close of Tom's address for the broadcast, President George Worster announced a continuation of the meeting until two o'clock. Then in a humorous vein he told of President and Mrs. Davis having been presented with a silver bowl by a Rotary Club in Mexico, but were compelled to leave the gift at the border for lack of funds to pay the import duty. He then called on all present for donations to redeem the bowl, and when the forthcoming funds were counted, they reached the surprising total of \$428.32. This was turned over to President Davis

whose acceptance was equally humorous. He promptly returned the funds to the Los Angeles Club with instructions that they be divided between the Rotary Clubs of Honolulu and Manila to be used for purposes of relief.

Subsequently a check for one half of this amount was sent to the Honolulu club, but owing to the impossibility of sending any money to Manila, their portion was given to the American Red Cross.

On January 16th, the guest speaker was Henri Diamant-Berger, former head of the French Radio Department of France. He spoke on the subject of "Free France Today".

The Crippled Children's Committee, sponsors of the program of February 6th, presented as their speaker Rotarian Wm. Harriman, Superintendent of Rancho Los Amigos. His subject was "California's Most Valuable Crop".

On March 20th, the program was in honor of the forty-four members of the Los Angeles Club who had been in the club twenty-five years or more. Past District Governor John R. Williams of Long Beach was the speaker at this meeting.

John Henry Lyons' Pasadena Boys Choir again presented a program of Easter music on April 3rd. Ladies were invited to this meeting.

Ted Brodhead, chairman of the Crombie Allen International Committee, arranged to hold the finals of this oratorical contest as the program on May 29th. A jury of Los Angeles Rotarians judged the order in which the three contestants finished. First place and \$40.00 prize money was taken by Norman Holzer of Occidental College. \$20.00 and second place was given to Frank Wolf of the University of California of Los Angeles, and third place and \$10.00 went to Ephraim Konigsberg of the University of Southern California.

Our new member, Carleton Tibbetts, President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the meeting of June 12th.

Important actions of the Board of Directors included the following:

On July 15th, it was voted to submit to the membership for their approval a change in Article IX of the by-laws to provide for three hundred and fifty active classified memberships. An affirmative vote was given this change at the regular Friday luncheon meeting on August 1st. The effect of this change was to increase the membership limit, as Article IX formerly included in its limitation past service, senior memberships and additional active memberships.

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At the meeting of August 12th, a resolution was passed accepting with thanks the donation by Jimmie Bockmon of a large number of pottery vases of a special Rotary design, to be given to the speakers who appeared before the regular club meetings.

At a special meeting of December 17th, it was voted to invest \$1000.00 of the club's funds in a series "F" defense bond, and at the regular meeting of January 13th, a resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of additional bonds in the amount of \$2000.00.

On May 8th, a resolution was passed to accept and approve a report of a special committee that had been appointed to confer with the district governor and the Wilshire Rotary Club for the purpose of defining the territorial rights of that club. The limits as set were to be voted on by the club membership on July 24th.

At this same meeting, the board voted to donate \$25.00 to the Rotary relief fund, which was the Los Angeles club's portion of the District's quota.

On June 9th, the final Board meeting of the administration, it was voted to donate \$250.00 to the Hazel Hurst Foundation for the Blind.

"The Rodeo" of October 3rd carried the announcement that two sub-committees of the Boys Work Committee had been discontinued. They were the Whittier State School and the Forestry Camp groups.

On October 21st, the annual outing, combined with the monthly golf tournament, was held at Oakmont Country Club.

At the regular meeting of Friday, October 24th, the club membership voted to release territory to the Rotary club of Venice, and on May 15th similar action was taken for the Rotary Club of Highland Park-Eagle Rock.

The Budget provided \$1200.00 for boys work for the year which was apportioned out by the Boys' Work Committee as follows:

Y.M.C.A.\$600.00
Boy Scouts300.00
All Nations Boys Club300.00

At the Club meeting of January 2nd, Jim Cannon donated \$1000.00 for boys work, which was divided between the Y.M.C.A. and the All Nations Boys Club. A golf bag and set of golf clubs won by Jack Crossan in Rotary tournament competition was donated by him to the All Nations committee to be raffled off by them, the proceeds to be expended in furthering the activities of that institution. The amount realized was \$413.00, and raised the total fund for the year to \$1213.00.

Summing up the committees activities at the All Nations Boys Club, Walter Teague, chairman, reported that the wood shop had been re-located and enlarged, and there had been installed work benches, lockers and the woodworking machine tools and hand tools, the latter purchased with the funds donated by Jim Cannon. Floors, walls and ceilings had been refinished for the assembly room. He reported as unfinished projects, the placing of a suitable plaque in the meeting and recreation room indicating that the quarters were fitted up by Rotary Club No. 5, and a similar plaque for the wood shop giving credit to Jim Cannon for his donation of equipment and tools.

The Watson E. Bockman Memorial Library Committee operated independently from the All Nations Boys club committee, although the library, originally donated by Rox Spilsbury is installed at the All Nations Foundation. Weatherford Touchstone, acting in the absence of Chairman Spilsbury, reported the following accomplishments of the committee for the year:

Mrs. Eva Bockman and Mrs. Virginia Brutsche, widow and daughter of Watson E. Bockman, donated \$150.00 and \$75.00, respectively, which was used for purchasing bookcases, a World Book encyclopedia and a dictionary. Mrs. Bockman also presented a plaque of her late husband to be placed in the library.

Rox Spilsbury presented an additional number of books suitable for boys. James E. Brockman donated many issues of The Readers Digest National Geographic and News Week magazines. Many other donations of valuable and suitable books were received from publishers, some given anonymously.

For the Y.M.C.A. the total amount of funds provided, including one half of the money donated by Jim Cannon, was \$1200.00. This was used for the purpose of remodeling and adding additional equipment for the craft room and for the promotion of and furnishing leadership to the Y.M.C.A. project known as the Tenth Street Club.

The Boy Scouts committee, Paul Barnard chairman, reported sponsoring the activities of one troop, assisting in furnishing groceries and transportation for Summer and Winter camps and several shorter trips. They also purchased a quantity of cooking utensils, pup tents and ground cloths, which could be considered permanent equipment. Additionally, they assisted in furnishing transportation expenses of the Scoutmaster to and from Camp Haan, and for the use of his station wagon used on weekend trips.

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The Youth Service Committee, Morris Pendleton chairman, reported the publication of a health packet in cooperation with the Council of Social Agencies. These were educational in purpose and received the commendation of dental and medical associations.

This Committee, assisted by the International Service Committee, arranged for the weekend entertainment in the homes of Rotarians of many of the Latin American youths who were sent to Southern California by their respective governments for training in aeronautics. Several mass entertainments were arranged to which young women who spoke Spanish were invited.

The Milk Fund Committee, Harry Watson chairman, submitted reports from the two agencies, to which funds continued to be furnished. The Childrens Bureau of Los Angeles, from the money received by them, furnished 7291 quarts of milk to approximately 431 children, at a cost of \$900.26.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Health, through the Maravilla Health Center, furnished 2429 quarts of milk to 43 children in 35 families.

The Crippled Childrens Committee, Lawrence Frank chairman, continued to cooperate with and work through the Crippled Childrens Society of Los Angeles County. The activities during this year consisted principally of assisting the society in the program of vocational placement for the handicapped adult.

The committee again pledged to the society the \$300.00 given to that activity under the budget.

Howard Rosine, chairman of the Community Service Committee, reported that the donations of money and food by the club members for distribution to the needy at Christmas was again apportioned to the various agencies as follows:

For the Salvation Army, all of the bulk foods received and cash in the amount of	\$297.45
All Nations Club	102.02
Boy Scouts	21.00
Good Will Industries	150.00
Y.M.C.A.	133.50
Robert Hutcheson (for one family)	5.00

Following are brief reports of some of the committees in Club Service.

The Classifications Committee considered 50 proposals for active membership classifications, of which 41 were approved. Four proposals were considered for additional active membership, of which two were given approval. Nine classification changes were approved for members.

President Worster's annual report gave the membership at the beginning of the year as 363, 14 of which were honorary. At the close of the year the total number was 366, including 17 honorary. Attendance percentage for the year was 87.16.

The Fellowship Committee reported that 3651 visiting Rotarians were greeted, including 52 from outside the continental United States.

The Inter-City committee, Ralph Cardoza chairman, arranged for exchange visits with the San Diego and Long Beach Rotary Clubs. On November 1st, 32 Rotarians and wives of Rotarians, left by air for visits to the Rotary clubs of Mexico City, Cuernavaca, and Guadalajara, all in Mexico. The trip consumed nine days; the return to Los Angeles was on November 10th.

The seventh annual Honeymoon party was held at the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel on April 24th, 25th and 26th, with an attendance of 230.

Financial record for the year, from President Worster's report.

Income	\$23,460.27
Expenditures	22,204.17
Surplus	1,256.10

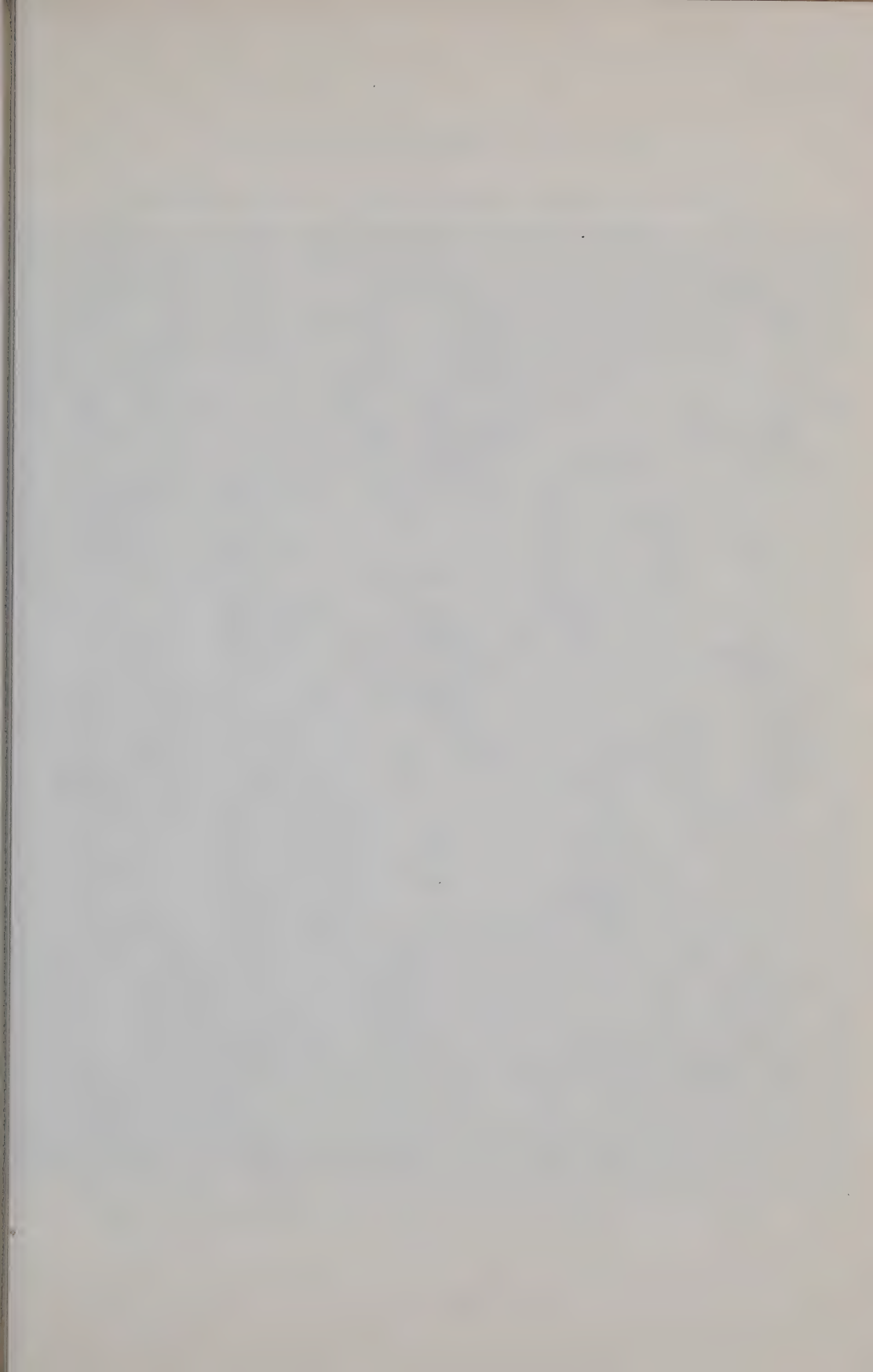
President George E. Worster rendered his annual report on Friday, July 10th, and received a great ovation from all of the membership. Reporting in the RODEO of July 17, Herman Miller said in part:

"Last Friday's abysmal ascension to celestial oblivion of Past President George Worster provided a chapter in Rotary history that no Rotarian present will ever forget. Every member of the Los Angeles Club who could possibly attend was there to do honor to a great Rotarian.

Jimmie Shelton graciously and tenderly—as only strong men know how—opened our hearts to George in the most beautiful personal tribute it has ever been our privilege to hear.

Shelton's exquisite conduct of this last meeting was exceeded only by George's innate modesty, and his characteristic anxiety that every member of his administration be given full credit, the report of which reflected the measure of a fine executive as well as a generous nature.

The silver tongued oratory of the day was punctuated by a silver period in the form of a rather feeble but elaborate expression of our regard and affection—a beautiful silver coffee set."





Carl F. Miller
Secretary



Lawrence S. Koenig
President



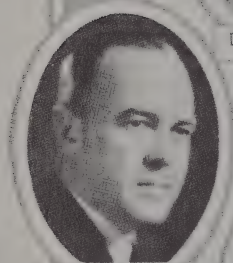
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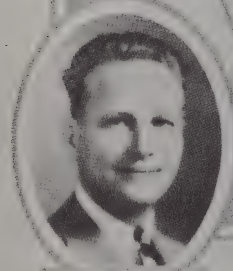
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Director



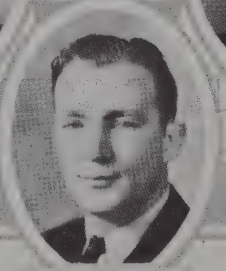
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Sergeant-at-Arms



Ralph N. Cardozo
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Peter E. Heiser
Director



Stanley Whitworth
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In addition to the set of silver mentioned, George was also presented with a copper plaque on which had been engraved the signatures of all of the members of the club.

C. P. MacGregor had ordered his organization to make a recording of the last meeting of George Worster's administration. This was finished on a copper disk and presented to George within a few days of his retirement. This was considered by George as being most valuable, as his "swan song" could be reproduced at any time in the future.

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JAMES W. BOCKMAN	HERMAN F. MILLER
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PETER E. HEISER	J. PAUL KIRK
C. P. MacGREGOR	CHESTER A. NELSON

*STANLEY WHITWORTH

Returning from the convention of Rotary International held at Toronto, Canada, during June, President Koenig took office at the meeting of July 10th, and made the following statement:

"In taking over the duties of President of Club #5, I am mindful of the critical period through which we are passing. I will do my utmost to keep the Club on an even keel.

Membership must be maintained or increased with the same caliber of members we now have. Our financial status must not weaken, and our utmost consideration individually and collectively to the furthering of the war effort must be given."

*Elected to fill the vacancy created by the election of Geoffrey C. Holly to the Vice-Presidency.

Interesting and outstanding programs during the year were as follows:

On July 31st, Captain H. L. Jensen of the Navy Medical Corps, in command of the Naval Hospital at Corona, gave some of his personal observations of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, where he was stationed at the time, in command of the Hospital Ship SOLACE.

The September 4th program was an excellent musical feature, presented by the Radio and Moving Picture group known as the Paul Taylor Chorus, consisting of eight young men and six young women. They appeared through the courtesy of Irving Steinell, and rendered one of the best programs of the year.

Rotary again joined the other service clubs of the city in a meeting on September 18th, launching the 1942 Community Chest campaign. Kiwanis acted as the host club, and presented Dr. Donald Tippetts as the principal speaker. This main feature of the program was broadcast over the Columbia Network.

Rotary International Director Jeff Williams of Chickashaw, Oklahoma, an excellent speaker, addressed the meeting of October 16th.

On October 30th, the Appollo Club, a musical organization of fifty business and professional men, all members of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, appeared through the courtesy of Sam Hall.

A Football program was again presented on December 11th, with "Gloomy Gus" Henderson as chairman of the day. He presented as speakers Coach Horrell of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Coach Cravath of the University of Southern California.

On December 18th, a Christmas program was presented, to which had been invited the wives and children of the members. Chairman of the day, C. P. MacGregor, presented Lou Manly's Punch and Judy show, and other amusing numbers. Lou Guernsey as Santa Claus, distributed presents to all children under twelve.

John B. Hughes, Ace Commentator of the Mutual Network spoke at the meeting of January 22nd.

The President of Vega Aircraft Company, Mr. Courtlandt S. Gross spoke on February 19th. His subject was "Aviation Comes of Age".

The program of March 19th was an all Rotary program with International Vice-President J. Raymond Tiffany of Hoboken, New Jersey, as the speaker. Rotarian Tiffany's talk was on Rotary ethics. At

this meeting, seven members were honored for having been in the club for twenty-five years, and were presented with badges having special tags attached.

On April 23rd, John Henry Lyons' Pasadena Boys Choir, presented the annual Easter program of music.

The program of April 30th was in celebration of National Boys Week, featuring Leo Carillo as the principal speaker. Guests of honor included Dr. Vierling Kersey, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Arthur Gould, Deputy Superintendent, and Mr. Roy J. Becker, President of the Los Angeles School Board, and many other educators. Music for this program was furnished by the Belmont High School.

May 21st was National Maritime Day, with Rear Admiral David Worth Bagley, Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District as the speaker. Rudy Vallee and his Coast Guard band were present and rendered several numbers.

President Elect Goeffrey C. Holly, speaking on June 11th, presented a report of the streamlined convention of Rotary International held recently in St. Louis.

On June 18th, we were honored by having present as the guest of Irving King, Lt. Commander Morton, commander of the famous submarine "Wahoo". He spoke briefly on the achievement of the "Wahoo" in sinking sixteen Japanese ships on their last cruise in the Pacific. It is to be regretted that the U.S. Navy was compelled to announce the loss of the "Wahoo" a few months after the appearance of Lt. Commander Morton.

Important actions by the Board of Directors were:

On June 9th approved the budget submitted by the finance committee, for a period of six months, instead of the customary annual basis. This was in accord with the recommendation of the Finance Committee who felt that because of the changed conditions due to war, some committee work might be curtailed and that activities of a new departure might develop.

At the meeting of July 14th, a resolution was passed approving the request of District Governor Marvel Beam that the Los Angeles club extend an invitation to hold the district conference in Los Angeles. At this same meeting, President Koenig advised the Board that final approval had been received from Rotary International on the new territorial rights of the Wilshire Rotary Club.

On October 13th, a resolution was passed acknowledging receipt of \$150.00 from Rox Spilsbury, \$50.00 of which was to be given to the Community Chest, \$40.00 to the All Nations Boys Club, \$40.00 to Y.M.C.A. and \$20.00 to the Boy Scouts.

Also at the same meeting, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$250.00 by the National Service Committee to furnish a room at Camp Santa Anita, as requested by the American Red Cross.

A letter from Rotary International was read, in which they acknowledged the receipt of \$350.00 for the war relief fund for Rotarians. Most of the money for this gift had been contributed by the members at the regular club meeting of August 21st.

On December 8th, it was voted to renew six subscriptions for the Revista Rotaria, which were sent as gifts to non-Rotarians in Latin American countries.

At the Board meeting of April 13th, it was voted to purchase a war bond in the amount of \$1000.00, the money for this to come from the trust fund. It was also voted to purchase a bond of the same amount from the balance in the general fund. A resolution was passed authorizing the transfer of \$5000.00 from the student loan fund to the general fund.

On May 11th, a resolution was passed providing \$750.00 for the use of the National service committee in furnishing the Norco Naval Hospital with sun trunks and bath robes, and for other equipment for the hospital not furnished by the government.

It was also voted at this meeting to donate \$1500.00 to the American Red Cross.

Important announcements either appearing in the RODEO or made from the rostrum were:

On December 23rd, the President of Rotary International, Fernando Carbajal visited Los Angeles and spoke at an inter-city meeting of the Wilshire Rotary Club at the Ambassador Hotel. President Koenig and a large number of members of the Los Angeles Club attended this meeting.

On September 30th, the Liberty Ship SAMUEL HEINTZELMAN was launched at the yards of the California Shipbuilding Corporation. Mr. John A. McCone, Executive Vice-President of the company had, in honor of Rotary invited Georgia Koenig, wife of President Larry, to sponsor the ship on this occasion. The ship was named in honor of a West Point graduate who served under General Scott in the Civil War.

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Announcement was made by President Koenig in December that two sisters of the late Rotarian Ballard W. (Buster) Brown had sent in a gift of \$500.00 to be used for the completion of a playground for children, on the roof of the clinic building of the All Nations Foundation. This was to be a memorial to Buster. This fund was later raised to \$800.00 by the same donors, but due to the scarcity and high cost of the materials needed, the construction was delayed for the duration, and the money was placed in the All Nations reserve account.

The sixth annual District conference of the 107th district to which Los Angeles was the host club, was held at the Ambassador Hotel on April 29th. Due to wartime conditions and the difficulties of travel, it was condensed to one day only. Alfred T. Alden was chairman of the District Conference Committee, appointed by President Koenig, and Secretary Carl Miller was appointed conference manager by District Governor Marvel Beam. It was a successful conference and very well attended. Stanley Long of Seattle, past International Director, represented Rotary International and spoke at the meeting.

The budget allowance for Community Service provided the usual amounts of \$1200.00 each for the Milk Fund and boys work, and \$300.00 for Crippled Children. Rotarian Jim Cannon again donated \$1000.00 for boys work, making the total for that activity \$2200.00.

\$785.50 had been donated by the club members for a Christmas basket fund, distribution of which Community Service Committee Chairman Herb Ecclestone reported.

Crippled Childrens Society	\$ 47.00
Y.M.C.A.	36.00
All Nations Foundation	36.00
Goodwill Industries	54.00
Salvation Army	483.50
Boy Scouts	129.00

In addition to the cash donations, there were many members who gave either food or merchandise, such as several cases of flour from Cliff Hine and George Salm, crackers from Ned Dale, canned peaches from Ralph Woerz, merchandise orders from Young Wilhoit, Gel-atteen from Joannes and Weaver, and over 200 loaves of bread from Lawrence Frank. Practically all of these items were sent to the Salvation Army.

The Boys' Work Committee reports on their activities as follows:

All Nations Boys Club. Expended \$842.00 in refinishing of gymnasium and purchasing some new equipment therefore, partly reconstructing the main entrance of the building, and furnishing several new pieces of equipment for the workshop.

Y.M.C.A. Committee, Leo Gatlin chairman, were of some assistance in the furnishing of a clubroom in which the boys could hold meetings, and from the funds allocated from the budget, and through the donation of Jim Cannon, they were able to contribute equipment for the gymnasium and outdoor workshop at Big Pines Camp.

Watson E. Bockman Memorial Library was the recipient of an additional forty-five volumes which was another donation from Rox Spilsbury.

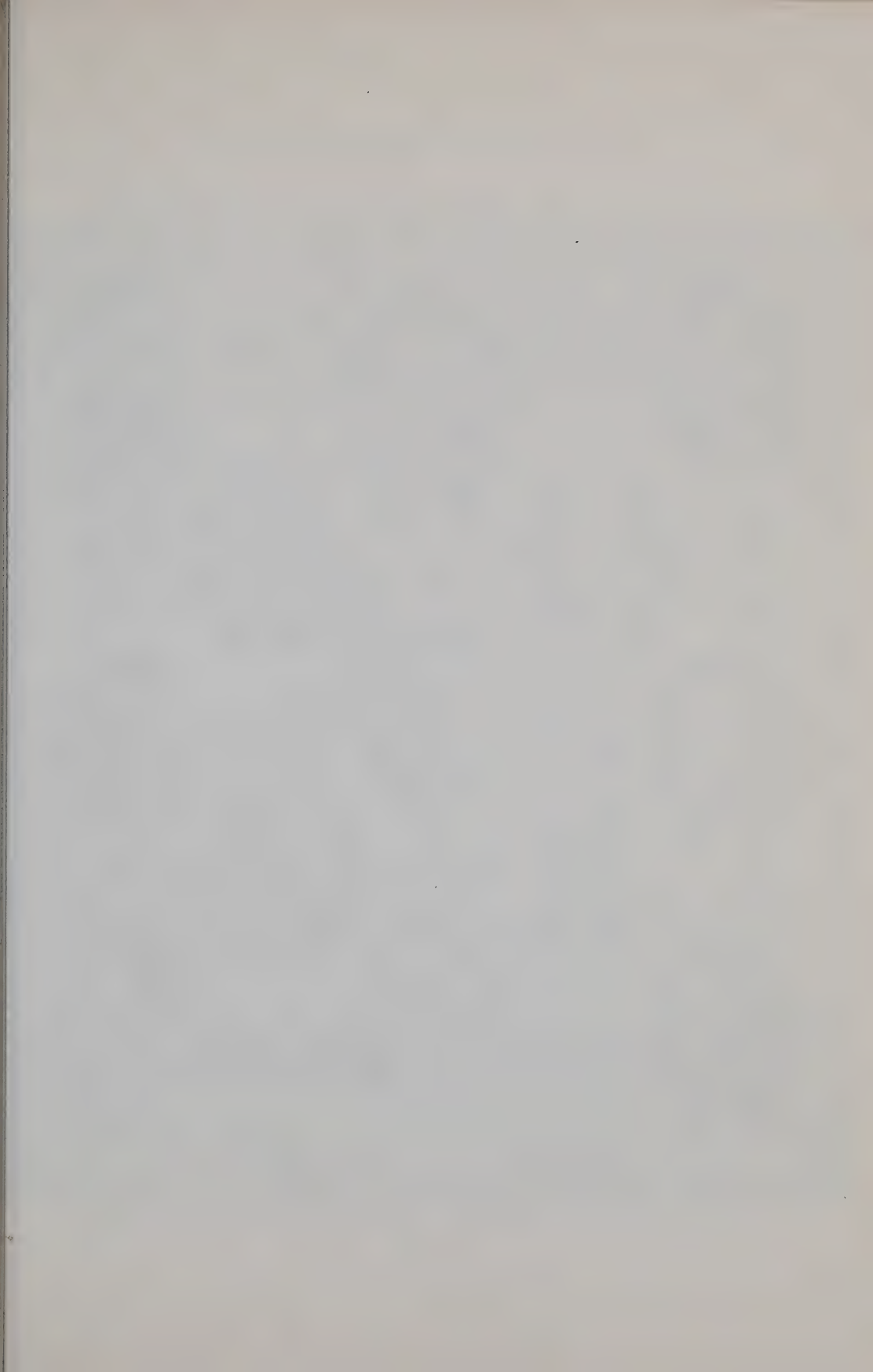
The Community Chest committee secured the agreement of twelve Rotarians to assist in the annual drive.

The Crippled Childrens Committee, Paul Dietrich chairman, reported excellent progress in the cementing of relationship between the Crippled Childrens Society and all Rotary clubs in Los Angeles County. Finances were now on such a satisfactory basis that the stability of the movement was assured. Considerable progress had been made during the year on the rehabilitation program for both crippled adults and children.

The Milk Fund Committee, Harry Watson, chairman, reported the distribution of the same amount of money to the same two agencies who for years had been distributing milk to undernourished children.

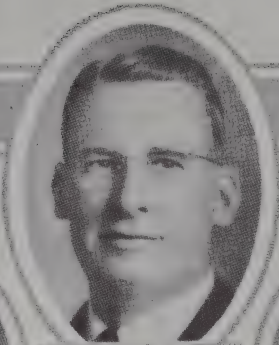
The National Service Committee, Carman Smith chairman, reported that in March, through the generosity of several members of the club, \$300.00 was expended in equipping a club room for the officers of the Western Interceptor Command. The committee also assisted in interesting Rotarians in the purchase of War bonds, and announced in the RODEO of May seventh, that members of our club, individually and the firms with which they were associated, subscribed a total of \$1,798,230.00 in the second bond drive.

Fred Emmons, reporting for the International Service Committee, stated that on Friday, March 12th, five Australian flyers were present as honored guests. These young men were also entertained in the homes of several Rotarians.





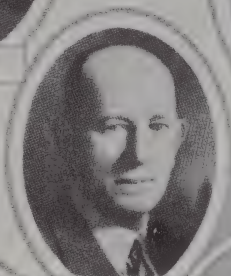
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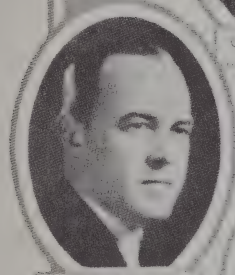
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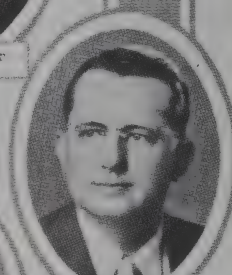
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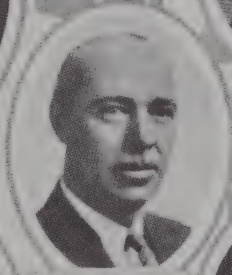
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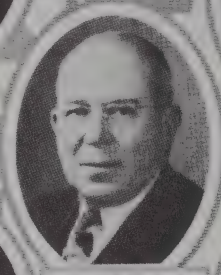
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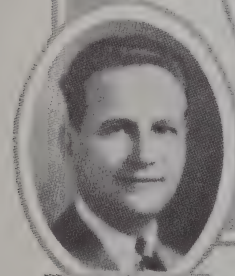
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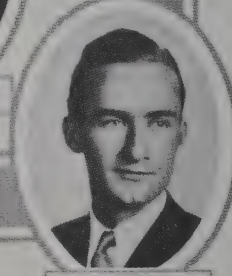
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In club service, the membership committee reported the total number of members at the close of the year as 351, 23 new members having been introduced during the year. The attendance committee reported an average attendance for the year of 90.30 percent. The fellowship committee greeted 2386 visiting Rotarians, of whom 32 were from outside the continental United States, and 753 were from outside the State.

President Koenig was demoted from the office of President on July 2nd, in a very masterful way, by John Canaday. After a highly humorous criticism of the retiring administration, Canaday then in a serious vein, expressed the appreciation of the membership for the very fine business-like conduct of Larry's administration. Canaday also expressed appreciation for the fine way in which he presided at the meetings and stressed particularly the humorous manner in which he assessed fines, for what he described as "The Geetus Department". He then presented the retiring president with a copper plaque bearing the signature of all the members and a beautiful painting of a desert scene, by Forsythe.

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LEWIS ALLEN WEISS	

The 1944 convention of Rotary International at St. Louis was held during the month of May instead of June as had been customary for many years. President Elect Holly returned from the convention in time to give his report to the membership prior to the retirement of Larry

Koenig. He was given the gavel of office on July 2nd and was the first President in recent times to take over the duties of office at the actual start of the Rotary year. He gave the following brief statement at the beginning of his administration:

"I am proud indeed of the honor you have conferred on me and needless to say I will do my utmost to discharge the responsibilities of this high office in a manner that will justify your confidence. The exigencies of war have made necessary many changes in our lives and the conduct of our business, and these too have had their effect on Rotary. During this coming year it will be my endeavor to see that this club is maintained on the same high plane as it has been during the previous administration."

Outstanding programs for the year were—

On August 6th, W. A. Patterson, President of United Air Lines, spoke on the vital importance of air transportation.

August 20th, three of California's representatives in the House of Congress held a forum under the very able questioning of Lew Weiss. They were John Phillips, Ward Johnson and John M. Costello.

The club was honored on August 27th by having as guests four young Chinese members of the China Air Corps who had just completed their training at Thunderbird Field in Arizona.

Rotary again joined with the other service clubs on October 8th in launching the Community Chest drive in the Los Angeles area. The Lions acted as the host club and Joe E. Brown was the principal speaker. A U.S. Army band furnished music for the occasion.

October 29th was District Governor's Day at which Ken Payne delivered his message to the Los Angeles Club. Attending and introduced were Charles L. Wheeler, President of Rotary International; Carlos M. Collingen, First Vice-President; Harry C. Bulkeley, Third Vice-President; Philip Lovejoy, Secretary; James E. Conklin, Director and John P. Riley, Director. These International officers were in Los Angeles to attend an Executive Committee meeting and Rotary Forum which was held at the Ambassador Hotel the same evening.

On December 24th, the ladies and children were guests at the annual Christmas meeting. Several stars of Radio and Screen were present to entertain and the younger children were given presents.

The first of Lynn Picklers gridiron programs was given on December 31st. This excellent and amusing program was presented entirely in song with all of the talent picked from the membership.

The program of February 11th honored eleven heroes of World War II who had been decorated with the Purple Heart. Other special guests present were Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Major General Walter P. Story,

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retired; Rear Admiral I. C. Johnson, and many other officers of the Navy and Marines. Carole Landis and Sid Silvers presented entertaining sketches and Manchester Boddy made the principal speech.

On February 25th the speaker was Major Knox Manning, who directed the Air Force photography of the invasion of Salerno.

Dr. James Lee Ellenwood of Brooklyn, N.Y. presented one of the most interesting and humorous programs of the year on March 3rd. Dr. Ellenwood spoke under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and his serious theme was on juvenile delinquency.

On March 10th Sister Kenny of Australia, famous for having developed methods of treating infantile paralysis appeared as the guest speaker.

A very interesting program was presented by the historical committee on June 23rd in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the organization of Rotary Club No. 5. Present at this meeting as honored guests were Homer Wood, who organized Club No. 2 at San Francisco and Club No. 3 at Oakland; Roy Denny, who organized Club No. 4 at Seattle; Judge Walton Wood, who shared honors with I. J. Muma in organizing Club No. 5, and Arthur Holman who assisted Homer Wood in organizing the clubs at San Francisco and Oakland and who carried the idea of organizing clubs to Denny at Seattle and Muma at Los Angeles. Also present as an honored guest was H. J. "Bru" Brunnier of San Francisco, Rotary's first District Governor in California.

A nice program feature of all the Friday meetings was the very cordial manner in which Secretary Bill Porter welcomed the visiting Rotarians and guests.

The most important actions of the Board of Directors were:

On December 17th, it was voted to accept the invitation of the Secretariat at Chicago to send President Holly and Executive Secretary McCallister to Chicago for a conference with the officers of other large clubs.

A resolution was passed at the January meeting appropriating \$300.00 for the placing of earphones on 150 beds in three wards of the military hospital at Sawtelle for the use of returned men who had been wounded in the service. This was supplemented by an additional gift of \$200.00 at the February meeting making a total of \$500.00*

*After this appropriation, the hospital at Sawtelle reverted back to the Veterans Administration and the money was given instead for the same installation at the Station Hospital of the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation at Torrance. This change was authorized by President Holly in collaboration with several members of the Board.

Also at the February meeting it was announced by Treasurer Shelton that he and President Holly had purchased a \$1000.00 Series G War Bond out of the general fund.

In March the Board invited to membership Mr. Albert Quon, an American citizen of Chinese descent. Mr. Quon was the first man of Oriental extraction to be invited to membership in the Los Angeles Club.

A gift of \$1500.00 to the American Red Cross was voted at the meeting of April 11th.

At the final meeting of the administration, President Holly and Treasurer Shelton advised the Directors that the administrative year would close with a surplus of approximately \$1600.00. Acting on the suggestions of these two club officers, a resolution was passed making the following donations:

\$185.00 for the presentation of field colors to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Long Beach; \$600.00 for the furnishing of three guest houses at Birmingham Hospital at Van Nuys; \$600.00 to be used as a contingency fund at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Norco, same to be administered by Max Koffman and Carman Smith, members of the National Service Committee.

Also at the same meeting it was voted to authorize purchase of Series G Defense Bonds in the amount of \$2000.00, half of which was to be taken from the general fund and half from the trust fund.

Other items of interest are:

On August 6th, Secretary Bill Porter announced that subscriptions for the purchase of War Bonds credited to the Rotary Club for the building of the Cruiser Los Angeles, amounted to \$2,500,000.00.

On November 5th, President Holly announced that Assistant Secretary Irene Johnson Graefe, who had been a member of the staff of the Rotary office since November 10th, 1921, was resigning her position and planned to retire with her husband, Dr. Graefe to their farm near San Bernardino. Mrs. Graefe was presented with a Hamilton wrist watch for her long and faithful service to the club.

On Friday, March 10th, "THE RODEO" appeared in color and with a new masthead under the name of "EL RODEO".

In November, Rox Spilsbury again sent in a donation of \$200.00, \$50.00 of which was to be given to the War Chest and \$150.00 to be divided among the various boys work activities.

Boys Work activities for the year were again confined to three major subcommittees covering the Y.M.C.A., All Nations Boys Club and Boy Scouts. Herb Powell, chairman of the Y.M.C.A., designed an infirmary for the camp at Little Green Valley. He and his committee secured nearly all of the materials for construction without using any of the fund allocated by Rotary. After completion, the building was equipped from the \$150.00 given by Rox Spilsbury.

The project selected by the All Nations Boys Club committee, Dorsey Straitiff, chairman, was to rehabilitate and re-equip the small boys game room at the Club, which had not had any attention for many years. With the \$400.00 allocated in the budget, they completely painted the entire game room, installed indirect fluorescent lighting and provided new games and equipment.

The Boy Scout committee, George Bailey chairman, worked closely with the district supervisor of the "less chance" area of Boy Scout headquarters. They presented American and troop flags to two newly organized troops and used the balance of their funds to help defray the expense of transportation to mountain camps of troops from the same area, who otherwise would have been unable to make summer camps.

The National Service Committee, Max Koffman chairman, participated in supplying the Naval Hospital at Norco with material out of which dozens of bathrobes were made by ladies of the Ebell Club. Swim suits and tools for the workshop were also provided, and a set of colors were furnished which were presented by President Holly to Captain Jensen, the Commandant. A revolving fund was set up by the committee for the purpose of supplying the hospital inmates with small sums to tide them over until payday.

The Rotarian Magazine was asked to give space to an announcement requesting Rotarians in other sections of the country to send in names of service men from their home communities who are in hospitals here so that courtesies could be extended by the National Service Committee.

The Crippled Childrens committee, Dr. Paul Anderson chairman, again cooperated with and worked through the crippled childrens committee of Los Angeles County. One of the accomplishments of the Society was the establishment under the auspices of the University of Southern California of a Psychometric Clinic for the child affected with cerebral palsey. Lawrence Frank played a leading part in obtaining this new activity.

In other community service activities, the milk fund continued to serve through the same agencies as in former years. The Salvation Army again was the agency used for the distribution of Christmas baskets, the Goodwill Industries were supported through appeals to the membership for castoff materials, and the Youth Service Committee gave support to the Boys Club of the Salvation Army.

In Club Service, the fellowship committee reported the greeting of 3794 visiting Rotarians during the year and the attendance committee reported an average attendance of 89.32 with an average membership of 368.8.

The speakers bureau reported that ten Los Angeles Rotarians filled fifty-one speaking engagements for other Rotary clubs.

The following figures were taken from the report of the Finance Committee:

Income for the year	\$24,996.27
Expenditures	24,763.99
Excess of income over expenditures	232.28
Club Assets	
General Fund	19,145.77
Student Loan Fund	1,087.22
Crombie Allen Fund	1,025.00
Trust Fund	<u>28,007.37</u>
Total Net Worth	\$49,265.36

President Holly retired from office at the meeting of Friday, June 30th. His report of his stewardship was in keeping with the modest demeanor that prevailed throughout his administration. Jimmie Shelton, after a few laugh provoking subtleties directed toward Jeff's callow youth, turned his serious attention to expressing our club's deep appreciation for the fine administration just closing. On behalf of the membership he presented to Jeff a beautiful group of Sterling Silver table pieces, a Hamilton wrist watch, suitably engraved, and a copper plaque on which had been engraved the names of all of the members.



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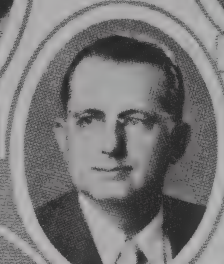
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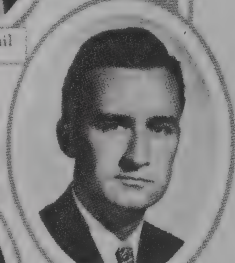
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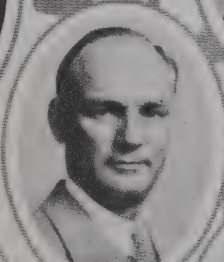
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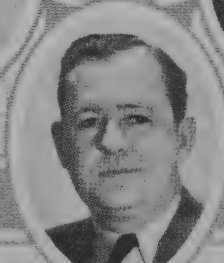
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History was being made in the eventful year of 1944-45. The holocaust of World War II was at its height. D-Day had passed. The Germans were reeling back to Berlin. The island-hopping in the Pacific was softening the Japanese for the final blows of the atomic bombs. "B" and "C" gas ration books made transportation possible for most Rotarians while those stuck with "A" books were finding it difficult to get around. Almost everything that civilians wanted was rationed and price ceilings throttled the normal channels of trade. Steaks, strawberries and similar staples were salable only by black marketeers. Such was the year in which Henry M. Burgeson ascended the rostrum as President of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles.

It was not an auspicious year with countless handicaps brought on by the war. But, under the skillful direction of Henry, it became a year that made history in the annals of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. It was a year of good fellowship—a year of real progress in Club No. 5 activities. A microphone was used for the first time and a new rostrum installed. These were made possible through the generosity of George Worster, C. P. MacGregor, Jim and Bob Cannon, the latter doing the engineering.

President Henry initiated many other new procedures, among the outstanding of which were: An invocation at the beginning of each meeting—a propitious start for any gathering. This procedure has continued at every meeting during all the years since then and has proved

to be the inspirational highlight of our meetings; A five-minute broadcast of last minute news by KHJ, preceding the opening of the meeting, was inaugurated. This was made possible through Lew Weiss, General Manager of the Mutual Broadcasting System and was especially appreciated because of the eagerness for news during the trying war times; and the method of honoring Birthdayites was changed. Weekly Birthday introductions were made from the Speakers' table which gave the individual members a better spotlight for their \$5.00, and actually conserved time and permitted individual cordial greetings and salutations by friendly Henry.

Under the editorship of "By" Dawson, "El Rodeo" was greatly improved, typographically and in news content, reflecting the master mind of an able news man. Lou Guernsey's "Bull-Ets" added zest and flavor as did Art Lockhart's contributions. "El Rodeo" contributed many succinct thoughts to our Club life and about our members. Carman Smith wrote: "Just because a guy is a personal friend, shoots a good game of golf, loves a game of poker, or is a long-time buddy, is no good reason why he should be proposed for Rotary membership. What has he got on the ball? Is he the type who will take Rotary seriously and make the Club stronger for his being a member of it? These are the cold, pertinent questions you should answer before you propose a candidate for your Club." "Brad" Bradford of restaurant fame — contributed this about Rotary: "They built a bridge of ideals to span the tide of hate, misunderstandings and mistakes so that future generations might pass over it safely".

The limit of membership was increased from 350 to 400. At the beginning of the year, the Club had 371 members. At the end, it had 396, in spite of the loss of 16 members by resignation, death and other reasons. Forty-one new members were taken in during the year.

Financially the Club closed the year in the black, after having spent \$22,000. The largest amount ever contributed to charitable purposes by the Rotary Club of Los Angeles to that date, \$4,000.00, was raised by Henry. This sum went to aid crippled and undernourished children and disabled veterans.

It was naturally a musical year, Henry being a natural musician with a mellow, resonant baritone voice that was so pleasantly enjoyed at our extra-curricular gatherings. He had a keen appreciation and

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knowledge of all good music. Irving Steinel played the piano at our Friday meetings and we even had a Glee Club. An outstanding musical program was given on Good Friday, when John Henry Lyons and his Pasadena Boys' Choir rendered inspiring anthems appropriate for the Easter Season.

Sixteen members were on active duty in the War. They were:

Major Walter L. Burroughs	Lt. Edward C. Northridge
Lt. Comdr. Larry A. Cline	Lt. Col. John Francis Ohmer
Lt. Col. Ralph O. Cragin	Major Hilbert W. Peterson
Major E. T. Crawford	Lt. Carl F. Rusche
Major Collis H. Holladay	Pvt. Wilbert S. Schneider
Lt. Comdr. Hans K. Koebig	Col. Wm. S. Scully
Lt. Comdr. William M. McCloy	Lt. Comdr. Wesley D. Smith
Major Thomas H. Mitchell	Lt. Harry T. Strairiff

Commander Bill McCloy commanded a ship that took active part in the War in the Pacific, establishing beachheads in the thick of the fighting and otherwise chasing the Japanese back to Japan. Col. Ohmer was an expert in camouflage in the Aleutians. Commander Larry Cline supervised the building of installations in Alaska and Commander Koebig helped run the Navy from Fort Sumter, Charleston, S.C. All had their important part in bringing victory to our side.

There were many outstanding programs through the able program scheduling of Vice-President Carl P. Miller. On January 12, 1945, Dick Wells, President of Rotary International, was the principal speaker. Over 1000 were in attendance, the largest meeting of the Club since the Olympic Games meeting in August, 1932, in Lou Guernsey's administration, which meeting honored the winning athletes and officials of the Olympics from all parts of the world. The Dick Wells meeting was attended by members from all Clubs in District 107, as well as by officers from Districts 106, 107 and 108. Present also were two Vice-Presidents of Rotary International and six Directors, as well as the Secretary of Rotary International. Philip Lovejoy, Secretary of Rotary International was the speaker on January 19, 1945. Past President Tom Davis of Rotary International spoke on February 23, 1945 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. Crippled Children's Day was fittingly observed with Mrs. Spencer Tracy as the principal speaker. It was most fitting that our Club should honor Crippled Children's Day for the Crippled Children's Society of Los Angeles County

is an outgrowth of the Crippled Children's Committee of the Los Angeles Rotary Club. Lawrence L. Frank, Paul Dietrich, Edward B. DeGroot, Dr. Walker H. Spiers, all members of our Club at the time, were the founding members of the Crippled Children's Society of Los Angeles County. Rudie Seiler, Al Alden and many others of our Club have been affiliated with the Society for many years. During Henry's administration, The Crippled Children's Society unveiled a memorial plaque at its headquarters on Adams Street, honoring the work that Dr. Waldo Spiers had done as one of the founders of the Society and as one "who devoted so much of his time and skill to the rehabilitation of crippled children".

Bruce Barton, one of the nation's great, was the speaker on March 16, 1945. Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid was the speaker at a big inter-city meeting we had with the Hollywood Rotary Club. At one of the meetings, a panel discussion was held on the problems of the day. The panel consisted of Joe Hartley, Max Koffman, Morris Pendleton, with Lew Weiss as moderator. Considering the even greater problems our nation faces at the time this is written eight years later, the panel didn't settle much. It was interesting nevertheless.

In a talk about the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations, where the United Nations Charter was born, Lew Weiss summed up that Conference with these words: "Grandma Russian Wolf has sharp teeth which Little Red Riding Hood America will some day discover. Communism and Fascism are the same and the "I" has been knocked out of the American IDEAL to make it 'DEAL'." How prophetic was Lew's summary of that San Francisco Conference!

Art Loomis' Information Committee rated a blue ribbon for dramatizing the Four Objects of Rotary by visual illustration at a meeting for new members.

Some of the activities of the Club were curtailed, due to the war. The District Conference was only a single business meeting of the District. The International Convention was abandoned entirely at the request of the Federal Government to conserve transportation. The Honeymoon Party was a single evening affair at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale, and a big success it was, too, with over 300 members and their wives present. The annual Bowling Ball was also held at Oakmont with some 150 members and their wives attending. John Harris

was Master of Ceremonies and Hal Merryman awarded the long list of prizes and cash. An average of 61 members played golf at the monthly tournaments, with an average of 125 for dinner, and 175 at the Christmas Party and 200 at the June meeting.

Attendance for the year was slightly over 90%, the highest to date in spite of war, pressures, gas rationing and other impedimenta. Visiting Rotarians averaged 125 per meeting. President Burgeson's gracious and friendly recognition of all visitors expanded the already widespread reputation of Club No. 5 for genuine friendliness.

Typical of life itself, the year had its sorrows and sadness, exaggerated by the casualties of war. Telegrams from the War Department all too often were messages of sorrow. One such was a telegraph to Henry and Marjorie Burgeson advising them that their youngest son, Sergeant Lawrence L. Burgeson, had been missing in action since September 28th in air combat over Germany. No further word was ever heard and he was never found. The hearts of all members went out to Henry and Marjorie in their boundless grief in this tragic casualty of the war. Henry carried on as President with optimism and outward cheer, heavy as his heart constantly was.

The meeting that "wowed us" was Henry's demotion by Earl Carpenter. With suavity, subtle and pungent wit, colorful vocabulary and the forensic art of the master, Earl deposed Henry and made him realize that he was again a commoner. With eloquence, too, he described the highlights of Henry's administration and assured him that he could leave the office of President with a well deserved satisfaction that he had led Club No. 5 through a most successful year in spite of many handicaps.

Henry Burgeson gave to Club No. 5 his best in leadership and his priceless contribution of idealism and service to Rotary.

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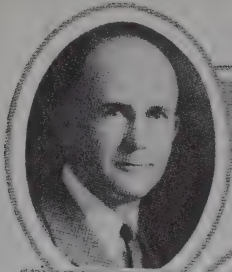
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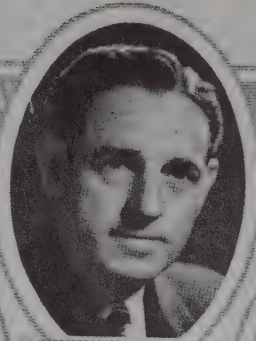
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The Rotary year 1945-46 was an important one for Club No. 5, with Carl P. Miller as President and George E. Worster District Governor. It was furthermore a significant year, because V-J Day occurred early in the administration, with more gasoline for functions and more paper for El Rodeo. This administration was not only a great constructive one in Rotary precepts, but a vital and dynamic year in all phases of Rotary activity.

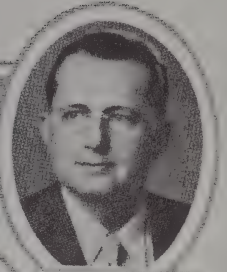
The year was one of many achievements, largely because of President Carl's ability to surround himself with a strong group of committee chairmen, supplementing a fine set of officers and directors. For instance, Roger Truesdail, Vice-President and Program Chairman, Paul Easton, Chairman of Attendance Committee, Chick MacGregor, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and Bob Cannon, Chairman of the Golf Committee, went on to become presidents of Club No. 5 in the years immediately following. Others prominent as committee chairmen in this administration included such great Rotarians as Al Warr, Morris Pendleton, Franklin Payne, Ralph Cardozo, Squire Johnson, Hal Merryman, El Thrapp, Ken Kirk, Art Lockhart, Carman Smith, Tom Manwarring, Harry Haake, Herman Miller, Spike Kenyon, Earl Mendenhall, Beverly Hill, Howard Rosine, Frank Hanniver, Art Schuck, Herb Ecclestone, Robbie Robinson, Lynn Beebe, Al Alden, Lawrence Frank, Harry Watson, Lyman Crossman, George Burt, Harry Reidsma, Joe Hartley, Max Koffman, Bogie Bogardus, Sr., Henry Humann, Henry Burgeson, Dr. Louis Evans, George Silver and Ed Lunn.



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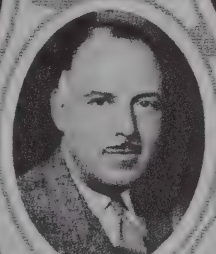
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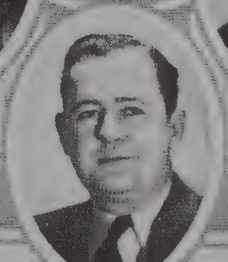
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John Harris proved to be an outstanding Secretary. Henry Burgeson resumed his station as Song Leader. Tom Manwarring, Chairman of the Public Information Committee, became Secretary of the club in 1954-55. Art Schuck was head of our Boy Scout movement here and has since been transferred to New York as Chief Executive of Boy Scouts of America. Henry Humann was given his first major Rotary assignment as Chairman of the International Service Committee. He has since been Secretary of the club and a "wheel horse" in Club No. 5.

Blondy Paul was broken in as a Song Leader and at the piano during this year and has since served the club in these capacities.

Dr. Louis Evans came into the club in this year and, while he has moved on as roving pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the nation, his inspirational invocations will always be remembered.

Those of us who were members of the club during 1945-46 will remember the very fine programs that were arranged by Vice-President and Program Chairman, Roger Truesdail. Among the many very interesting speakers was Dr. Y. C. James Yen, who addressed the club on the subject, "Educating the Masses in China." International President Tom Warren of Wolverhampton, England, addressed a packed Biltmore Bowl for a district-wide meeting attended by Rotarians throughout District 107. Paul G. Hoffman, then head of the E.C.A. in Europe, was another outstanding speaker. Programs were provided by the following committees: International Service Committee, Youth Service Committee, Boy Scouts Committee, Inter-city Committee, Rotary Information Committee, Civic Service Committee, Vocational Service Committee, Crippled Children's Committee, and the Crombie Allen Award Committee. Special programs were given in observance of Navy Day, Thanksgiving Day, Rotary International Anniversary, Christmas and Easter. Four craft talks were program highlights, and of course the visit of District Governor, George Worster, was an outstanding occasion.

Being a newspaper man and having served a few years earlier as Editor of El Rodeo, President Carl was eager for an enlarged and vitalized El Rodeo. Under the able leadership of Franklin S. Payne, El Rodeo was given a larger format and more pages than ever before or since. It carried sketches on the business activities of many of our members, histories of our institutions, and pictures of their fine plants. These business success stories were of great interest to the membership. The El Rodeo conducted a survey of our membership and, finding

that many were foreign born, developed a feature column under the heading "Our Foreign Born in Club No. 5." Another feature was entitled "This Week's Name in the Hall of Fame."

A feature of the meetings which continued during this administration was the five-minute newscast contributed by Lewis Allen Weiss and the Don Lee Broadcasting System.

An unusual activity on the financial side was the competition among Rotary Clubs in subscribing to the Seventh War Loan. This was a project of our Civic Service Committee. Club No. 5 subscribed for \$2,997,550.00 in bonds.

An electric sign which reads, "Rotary Meets Here Today," was contributed by Bill Vaughan during the year.

This administration was also marked by the return of many of our Service Members to the fold of active Rotarians.

Under the leadership of Squire Johnson, the Fellowship Committee was expanded to give our growing number of visitors a hearty welcome. More than 60 greeters had our visitors in tow, to greet them at the entrance, to see that they were registered, introduced and comfortably situated at a table. During the year we averaged more than 100 visiting Rotarians at our weekly meetings, more than half of whom were from outside the State of California and many of whom were from foreign clubs.

Our Golf Committee, under Bob Cannon as Chairman, established an all-time high record for attendance at the monthly golf parties. Twelve tournaments were held at eight different Country Clubs, with an average attendance of 117. The annual Honeymoon Party was restored to peacetime caliber with a weekend at the Coronado Hotel early in May. The Christmas party was held at the San Gabriel Country Club, and as a special event a "Stag Outing" was held at the Pomona Valley Country Club, attracting many non-golfers.

The Bowling Committee also had a fine year with twelve teams participating in this sport every Monday night at Dick Just's Bimini Bowling Bowl. Four teams from our club also bowled in the District Conference Tournament and one of these won third place. Our club also had one team, captained by Steve Quinby, in the Service Club League of Los Angeles.

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An innovation of this administration was a "Harbor Tour." 160 Rotarians, Rotary Anns, children and friends, spent the day making a delightful tour of the harbor under the sponsorship of Fred Hooper.

Honoring George Worster, our District Governor, Club No. 5 was the Host to the District Conference at the Ambassador Hotel. It was truly an outstanding conference with Ralph Cardozo as Conference Chairman and Henry Burgeson as Conference Manager.

Chick MacGregor really got his feet wet in Rotary this year as Chairman of the General Entertainment Committee, and came up with some fine entertainment for our regular Friday meetings, as well as special occasions.

Due to post-war restrictions on transportation and food, the activity of our Inter-city Committee was curtailed during the early part of the year. However, fine Inter-city meetings were held with the Pasadena Club in February and the Glendale Club in June.

President Carl, incoming President Roger, and Directors El Thrapp and Ken Kirk were our official representatives at the International Convention at Atlantic City. Roger and El reported on the convention to our club.

During the year the Membership Committee considered 63 proposals for membership. It approved 53 members and 51 accepted membership in Club No. 5. This was a record in new members in any one year and reflects the hard work of Carman Smith, who was Chairman of the President's Committee.

The Public Information Committee, under the chairmanship of Tom Manwarring, did a splendid job in keeping the press informed on the activities of our club. More than 150 separate news stories were published in the newspapers of the metropolitan area and the people of this community were made more Rotary conscious.

The Rotary Information Committee, with Harry Haake as Chairman, presented the "Story of Rotary" in audio-visual form to the members at dinner meetings during the year.

Financially the year 1945-46 was a successful one under Treasurer Jimmie Shelton. Income of the club exceeded the budget and expenditures by \$4900.00 and the charities of the club were generously assisted. The All Nations Club mountain camp was provided with a walk-in refrigerator

unit, electrical wiring and a new motor for the swimming pool pump. Colors and other insignia were presented to six newly formed Boy Scout troops. Our club participated in fund raising campaigns for the Scouts and a transcription of our Scout program was broadcast over KFI through a national hook-up. Our YMCA Committee laid out the new Mt. Meadow Camp for the YMCA and provided funds for a new Infirmary there. Through the generosity of Past President Jim Cannon, his contribution of \$1000 was spent for equipment for basketball, baseball and track at the Red Shield Boy's Club on West 9th St. Generous contributions were made to the Crippled Children's Society, Maravilla Health Center, Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, Chaplains' Service Corps, Braille Institute, and to a Youth Service project at Manual Arts High School.

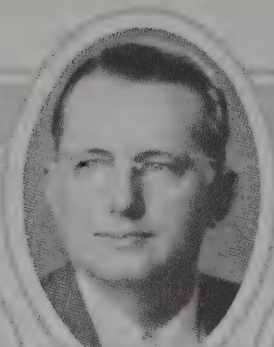
The spirit of the administration for the year 1945-46 is well characterized in President Carl P. Miller's message on the cover of the New Year's issue of *El Rodeo*:

"1946—A CHALLENGE"

"We stand at the beginning of a year in time...on the threshold of a great adventure. 1946, perhaps more than any other year in our history, opens with a ring of challenge. "It is a challenge for people throughout the world to learn to live together—in PEACE. No single force can be more effective in bringing about understanding and good will among peoples throughout the world than ROTARY."



Elbridge R. Thrapp
Secretary



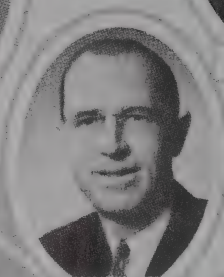
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The year of 1946 to 1947 Rotary Club No. 5 was under the stewardship of Roger Truesdail. It was a unique period in that it marked the first full year following the end of World War II. While Rotary and Club No. 5 had continued as active organizations throughout the war period, still of necessity, there were some restrictions in activities, and Roger's year marked that period of coming from under the "blanket of hibernation," as the Inter-City Committee expressed it.

President Roger early stressed the policy of his administration to give the maximum number of Rotarians an active part in the functioning of the Club and to keep the members well informed of the actions of the Board of Directors. This policy was successfully carried out.

However, Roger's administration could pretty well be remembered by the substantial number of new members—52 invitations accepted and 4 members re-instated—and the total of \$13,353.13 contributed by the members through the Birthdays, Fines, Christmas Basket Fund and the Camp Benefit. All of this went for the welfare and charity work of the Club. Although only one appeal by letter was made in behalf of the Rotary Foundation-Paul Harris Memorial Fund, a total of about \$2000 was contributed.

Rog broke the record as a heavy-handed fine layer, in setting an all-time high of \$7808, and undoubtedly will be fondly remembered for quite some while to come by various members of No. 5 who became fathers or more often grandfathers, oil well operators, and who had the misfortune to break out in print.

Rotarian Charlie Baad, Managing Director of the Biltmore Hotel, was requested by Rog to use numbered luncheon tickets with stubs. No longer was it necessary to put your number on the tablecloth in order to avoid an unpleasant argument with the waiter or even worse observe some visitor who was having the same difficulty.

One event which long will be remembered, was the visitation one Friday in June of a group of underprivileged children, as part of an appeal for funds to send them to camp. Their chief spokesman's name was Richard but the kids at the All Nations Boys Club called the three foot high Negro boy, "Eight Ball." The appeal was made and President Rog said a "ten spot" would send a boy or girl to camp for one week. He asked how many we wanted to send and just two minutes later there was about \$2100 on the rostrum—an indication of No. 5's large heart which sent over 200 happy youngsters to camp. Rog later read to us some of their letters of thanks which wet many an eye.

The administration, beset by increasing expenses such as office and Round Table Room rental, a hike in printing costs of El Rodeo, increased office salaries and others, was faced with the possibility of either raising the membership limit or increasing the dues from \$12 to \$15 a quarter. The latter course was followed.

President Roger's executive ability was demonstrated by his appointment of a most capable group of Committee Chairmen, many of whom later were to become leaders in Rotary. Perhaps the best way to outline the outstanding achievements during this period will be to follow what the Committees accomplished.

The Attendance Committee, which was under the chairmanship of Roy Stone, fought a winning battle, and it turned out to be a first class battle. Members who had held their itchy feet static throughout the period of war-time difficulty with transportation, became imbued with the urge to travel all over the country . . . if not the less mangled portions of the world. The Rotarians of No. 5, to put it mildly, were rotating in every and all directions, and mass migrations are something that add grey hairs and forfeit life expectancy to any hard working and conscientious Attendance Committee. That Roy Stone and the Committee merchandised the proverb, "Attendance is the price of membership," and impressed it on the then fleet footed Rotary Five, was attested by the fact that during the last three months of the term, Five stood in first place of Division "A" Rotary International, in attendance. But it was not only the Number Fivers who were hitting the long vacant trail—

evidently restless Rotarians were rushing hither and yon from every Club that existed.

While the Attendance Committee was trying valiantly, and did succeed in keeping Five at the top of the list, the Fellowship Committee was likewise holding the "Battle of the Bulge," to extend the sincere and warm greetings to an avalanche of Rotarians visiting on our home base. When over 5300 Rotarians entered No. 5 meeting place during that year, they all met with a greeting that had become a tradition with No. 5.

For Sports and Outings, '46 and '47 proved as successful as it did for Rotating Rotarians. With golf and bowling, the year was full of competing Fivers, and both of these sports held a consistently high average of attendance. With Hal Merryman as Chairman, bowling at Bimini Bowl drew many of the Rotary Anns out to match a few scores with their husbands, and more than one Rotarian left the Bowl bushed and ambushed by his Rotary Ann, with a set of strikes as long as your arm. Although facilities were available for only 80 bowlers, each Monday night an average of over 100 Rotarians and their families were on hand. Bowling wound up with a rousing "Suppressed Desire Party" with 175 in attendance. Some of the costumes certainly made history.

Members enjoyed an outstanding year of golf with Ken Kirk as Chairman. An average of 77 members played at the monthly Golf Fellowship Outings with an average of 109 for the dinner and program. The culmination of many of the social events of the year was the three-day Annual Honeymoon Party in April when 237 registered at the Santa Barbara Biltmore and the Mar Monte. This established a new attendance record. Forty-two Rotarians donated \$1,902 in cash for prizes while 90 Rotarians each donated from one to many prizes.

No. 5 during 1946 and 1947, came off with many honors in attendance, as we've mentioned, but perhaps one of the most flattering was the visit from the Editor of Rotary Club No. 1's publication—who came to Los Angeles to peek into our El Rodeo and "find out how we did it." El Rodeo was making a little history on its own, the many Rotarians throughout the country considered it the finest weekly Club publication. This was indeed worthy recognition of the efforts of the El Rodeo Committee with Chairman Bob Cannon, Frank Payne and Art Lockhart, Editor Ben Wells, two dozen Associate Editors and a staff of Photographers which included Dick Whittington, Jeff Holly, Herman Miller, Carl Johnson and Dick Wilcox.

Art Lockhart agreed, at the start of the year, to work on the staff if Roger would write a weekly column about Board actions and other Rotary matters. Thus the newsy and informative "Memos to Members", by "The Chair" appeared in each of the 52 issues. Other features included "Rotatin' Around," "Table Hoppin'," and "One Friday Ago . . . Remember?," all by Art; "Personals Seen and Heard," Ed Lunn; "Last Friday as I Saw It," Steve Faatz; "Cheer 'Em Up," Paul Pape; "Committee Activities," Bob Carlock; "Sports," Sam Gibson; "Rotarians in the News," Tom Manwarring; and "Profiles of Officers and Directors," by staff members.

One of the innovations of the year was the appointment of a General Entertainment Committee with Blondy Paul as Chairman, whose primary function was to provide a short entertainment feature on the second Friday of each month. This met with a great deal of enthusiasm—by Fivers in general, and became a much-looked-for feature during the year.

In relating the year's happenings of Rotary Five, at this time, it seems that we are continually running into the fact that travel came to be on everybody's mind.

It had one of its highlights in Rotary Five with the re-activation of the Inter-City Committee, and Inter-City Rotary meetings. The Committee toward the end of the year, reporting on its activities, summed the whole picture up very succinctly—"The Inter-City Committee crawled out of its blankets—rubbed its eyes, and tried to refresh memories of past activities as a guide to the re-establishment of this adventure in good fellowship." The energy expended by Bill Henley and his committee showed that they had put their previous forced dormancy to good use, and No. Five started roaming in all directions, from Glendale, Crenshaw, Pasadena to San Diego, Long Beach, where its travelling ambassadors of goodwill once more began to extend their cordial invitation of reciprocity.

Even more finesse was demonstrated by Frank Beeson, who, with his work with the International Convention Committee, practically became known as "On to San Francisco Frank," and guided and herded a large contingent of our members to San Francisco for the International Convention meeting.

Number Five was very cognizant of the fact that many travellers and many Rotarians were entering the City of the Angels, and one of the interesting features and accomplishments of No. 5 was the establishment of information centers at the important hotels, the Airport and the

Union Station. Under the guidance of and through the untiring personal efforts of Hank Humann, the Convention Entertainment Committee placed large "Rotary Information" signs at these strategic locations. From them they distributed over 3,000 concise information sheets. A regular schedule was inaugurated and Hank's Committee and Tuck Shattuck's Fellowship Committee took to watching planes and trains come in on a 24-hour schedule. They met the convention specials to greet Rotarians and families and render them whatever service they could, in true Western and Club No. 5 tradition.

Immediate Past President Carl Miller efficiently served as Chairman of the Club Service Committee. John Harris, Chairman of the District Conference Committee, shepherded about 50 members and their wives to attend the Conference in Las Vegas-Boulder City. Seven Rotarians from No. 5 served on Governor Hugh Tiner's District Advisory Committee while seven other members participated in the program.

The President's Committee with Morris Pendleton as Chairman wrote 282 letters and recorded the substance of 278 telephone conversations in handling 77 proposals for membership.

The timber of the weekly programs reached a new high due to the efforts of Weath Touchstone and his Program Committee. Talks were presented by the following club members: Albert T. Quon, Arthur A. Schuck, Morris Pendleton, Louis Evans and Ray W. Smith. In addition we heard our District Governor, Hugh M. Tiner.

The following nationally known speakers headlined our programs:

Dr. Waldo L. Semon, B. F. Goodrich Company
Capt. A. A. Nicholson, The Texas Company
Dr. Alfred P. Haake, General Motors Corporation
United States Senator William F. Knowland
William Jeffers, Union Pacific Railroad
Lee Ragsdale, Western Union Telegraph Company
Dr. Carter Davidson, Union College
Ralph Bradford, Chamber of Commerce of the United States
Harry F. Russell, Chairman, 1947 Convention Committee, R.I.
Donald M. Nelson, Society of Independent Motion Picture Producers

Win Miller and his Magazine Committee presented each non-Rotarian speaker with a year's subscription to THE ROTARIAN. In a mixed Easter Musical Program, with a large attendance of Rotary Anns, Met-

ropolitan Opera Tenor James Melton and the St. James Choristers with John Henry Lyons entertained.

C. P. MacGregor and his Rotary Information Committee streamlined this activity through use of transcriptions, color slides and a set of microphones at the speakers table and gave an interesting presentation of Rotary history and what Rotary is doing today. They sponsored a dinner for 26 new members of Club No. 5 which was followed by a meeting to which new members of 52 neighbor Clubs were invited.

Under the leadership of Herb Powell, the Speakers' Bureau provided 17 members of Club No. 5 who gave a total of 72 talks. The Round Table participants increased over 30% under the leadership of Chairman Jim Bockman.

The portion of Rotary that stands for comradeship and fellowship is one that all members remember, but the idea of "Service Above Self" is also never forgotten, and the various Community Service Committees, under Herb Ecclestone, during Rog Truesdail's tenure of office set tall goals for high sights by following Rotarians.

The All Nations Club, under George Bailey, turned in an outstanding array of accomplishments, installing broadcasting communications systems in the downtown All Nations Club, raising funds to replace camp cabins, and through a coordinated effort, obtaining interest of donors in sponsoring boys' trips to camp during that year. The interest of all Rotarians in the welfare of youngsters was shown in many activities—not alone the All Nations Club, but also the Boy Scout Group, under Art Wheeler, which supplied much equipment to various Scout Troops, and aided in Scout fund-raising campaigns. The group also utilized a great deal of effort in attempting a coordinated effort to rebuild Camp Arthur Letts, and allocated their welfare fund for construction along these lines.

Another youth project—the Y.M.C.A. group under Charlie Tobey, refurnished the Chapel Room in the Boys' Division, aided in the promotion of a sustaining membership drive, and then took it one step further and became the super-salesman of the year. This busy group took time off to merchandise and sell for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A., toy guns which had been made at the "Y" . . . a very unique committee enterprise.

To cover the Service Committee's activities one by one would be a difficult job. Their accomplishments—their goals—are in the records. The previously named projects they accomplished were outstanding, as were the distribution of Christmas gifts from Rotary contributions, to the

Salvation Army and the donation of milk supplies to under-privileged children who were not properly fed.

The International Service Committee once again was able to extend the hand of friendship that knows no boundary, into some of the far corners of the world. It set up arrangements to exchange university students between Rotary No. 5 and Latin-American Rotary Clubs, on the basis of a scholarship applicable to the coverage of a year's academic work. It also, through its contact with many of the No. 5 members, was able to place certain students of foreign countries in positions in local organizations to aid them in pursuit of their education here in this country.

Roger recommended to this committee and the Board that a young Swedish Architect, Mr. Hans Matell, son of a Past President of the Rotary Club of Vasteras, Sweden, be invited to study architecture and construction in Los Angeles. Club No. 5 member Fred Walker invited him to come to work with his company for a year and underwrote his expenses. Mr. Matell worked on the General Petroleum Building during 1947 and 1948 and was a guest in the homes of many Rotarians.

The activities of the International Service Committee which were extensive during this year, served once more to point up the ideal behind Rotary—that of expanding the friendship and fellowship between men of all countries . . . unselfishly, with the thought not of personal benefit, but rather of mutual benefit and service . . . this, in a time so recently coupled with world-wide opposition to this philosophy. Pete Peterson was the Chairman of the International Service Committee and showed boundless energy in once more energizing the ideas and ideals of Rotary.

Members of Club No. 5 will long remember the impressive manner in which President Rog inducted new members into Rotary. His charge was one which acquainted them and reminded the older members of the ideals of Rotary and one's responsibilities as a Rotarian.

Jimmie Shelton seemed to extend himself in the traditional "demotion ceremonies" for President Rog Truesdail. In behalf of the Club he presented Rog with a bronze plaque bearing the signatures of all Number Fivers, a gold Longines-Weems Navigation Watch for use while flying his plane and a Sterling Silver Tea Service with Tray.

There could be no better ending to a chapter on Roger Truesdail's highly successful administration than the ending he placed on his report of stewardship to the Club during his last meeting, when he said, "Rotary is not an ordinary club, nor just a business . . . IT IS SOMETHING FINER, and No. 5 will continue to give its full cooperation, because Rotary IS something finer."

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SECRETARY.....CLARENCE P. SHATTUCK
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PAUL W. EASTON

President Weath Touchstone's year might best be summed up by the second paragraph of his "Swan Song" delivered on the eve of his retirement, June 25, 1948. It reads as follows:

"You will remember I announced upon taking office that my first objective was to develop in our club, to a still greater degree, the first object of Rotary. It was my wish that we become more intimately acquainted and our fellowship closer so that at the end of the year we would be richer in friendship. This, you will agree, has been accomplished."

Yes, Weath accomplished much in substantiating the reputation of Club No. 5 as being "The friendliest large club in Rotary International." One of his methods of bringing this about was to fine each table at the luncheons that did not have a visiting Rotarian.

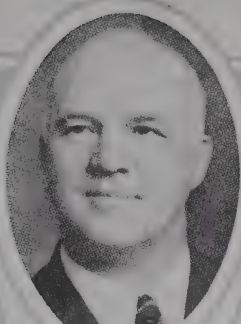
Without exception, all of the officers, together with Committee Chairmen, testified to a most satisfactory year, as recorded in the Committee Reports submitted to Weath, prior to his official retirement.

Some of the highlights from these reports are as follows:

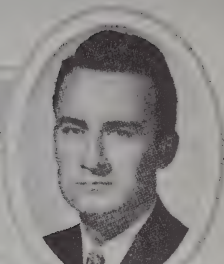
Twenty-six new members were added to the "Fold," resulting in a total membership at the close of this administration, of 471, made up of 384 active, 31 additional active, 8 senior active, 32 past service, 2 unclassified and 14 honorary members. Weath's directors say that every time a proposal for a new member was presented, he would ask "will he make a good Rotarian?" and then remind them that our club is just as good as our members make it.



Clarence P. Shattuck
Secretary



W. Weath Touchstone
President



Robert J. Cannon
Vice-President



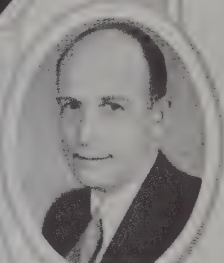
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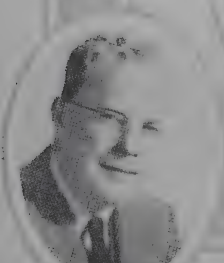
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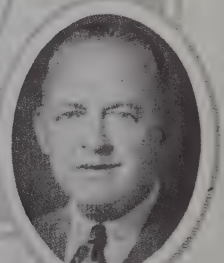
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Harold H. Merryman
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Herman F. Miller
Director



Kenneth B. Kirk
Director

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During the year, in excess of \$9,000 was contributed from "fine" collections to philanthropic and charitable organizations, through the several Community Service Committees. Weath's collection methods were successful, painless and enjoyable.

Our attendance averaged approximately 90 percent, which was higher than any club of similar size in Rotary International, speaking exceedingly well for the work of our Attendance Committee and the Grand spirit which prevailed in Club Number Five. Weath gives credit for the wonderful attendance to Rich Budlier, Attendance Chairman.

Pat Brady's Bowling Committee report is only an indication of the terrific job of fellowship this group performed throughout the year. In all, there were 12 men's and 4 ladies' teams actively competing, with many substitutes on the waiting list to fill vacancies when they infrequently occurred. The Bowling Committee at the close of the season gave a very lovely dinner party at The Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood and distributed numerous and elegant prizes to the several winning teams.

A new committee was appointed, called the "New Members Committee" which had as its purpose the thorough indoctrination of all new members and consequent fellowship introduction by various means of such new members throughout the club during the year. Splendid results indicated that this committee was to be a prominent fixture in future years. Carl Wittenberg served as Chairman of the committee and because of his efforts and those of the committee, our new members not only became acquainted with other new members, but also with all members of the club and by the end of the year they felt very much at home in Club Number Five.

Inter-city meetings were big events during Weath's Administration. Inter-city meetings were held with San Diego, Santa Barbara and Mexicali, in each case on a reciprocal basis of jovial good fellowship. Virgil (Fuzzy) Frizzel headed up the Inter-City Committee as Chairman and what a grand job he did. The visit to San Diego was made on Thursday, November the 13th, by 50 Rotarians. Past President Roger Truesdail was the highly entertaining speaker on the odd and interesting cases encountered in his chemical research, such as "Canned Spinach a la Stewed Mouse". The visit to Santa Barbara was made during February and Bill Lenderking was our speaker of the day. He gave a highly illuminating craft talk on how to kill gore with a Lily Cup, directing

most of his remarks at past president Bill Kilgore. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. Special cars of the Southern Pacific were put into use to take the large group of Rotarians on the two nights and one day visit to the International Meeting that was held at Mexicali. This event developed to be more than just an inter-city meeting. All clubs of the Imperial Valley area and from Ensenada, Saltillo and Tijuana crowded the large restaurant, which was taken over for the evening meeting, to an overflow crowd. Our speaker on that notable occasion was Sr. Dr. Francisco Villagran, Consul General de Mexico, and he spoke in Spanish. Many toasts were given to Club Number Five, in the Spanish tongue. Thanks to Hank Humann's translation, Weath was able to respond and praise and flattery were very much in evidence throughout the evening. This was a Rotary meeting that will long be remembered by all who attended.

Our Program Committee furnished more than the usual wide variety of top line speakers and entertained with the full gamut of programs including vocational service, international relations, pure entertainment, debates and the usual holiday subjects. Congressmen, world renowned news commentators, George McManus of Jiggs and Maggie fame, college presidents, industrialists, football coaches, Vivian Kellems and International President S. Kendrick Guernsey are a few of the speakers who addressed us. Club Number Five gained wide notoriety because of the publicity given to the talk by Miss Kellems whose picture, along with Weath's, was published in the leading newspapers all over the U.S.A.

The Roster Committee thoroughly renovated the typographical and other features of our annual Roster with but little more expense than the customary printing bill of the old Roster setup. Bill Carnall was not only chairman of the committee that brought this about, but to him goes the credit for the modern and up to date Roster of Club Number Five. This new Roster was one of Weath's pet objectives.

The Rodeo did a good job in building up new newsy stories around members of the club and, at regular intervals, ran articles emphasizing the importance of fellowship, friendship and acquaintanceship along with all phases of the four objectives of Rotary. Tom Manwarring, Editor, and Earl Morse, Managing Editor, together with other assistant and associate editors, with special emphasis upon the photographic staff

of Dick Whittington and Dick G. Wilcox, delivered to the club 52 issues of interest to Rotarians that were literally read from cover to cover.

Each Vocational Service Committee was particularly active in securing weekly programs of craft or industry talks, perhaps the most outstanding of which was the talk by past President Bruce Watt of the San Diego Club, at the time of their inter-city visit to us. The experiment of the Committee was the sponsoring of a tour of the Van de Kamp Bakeries, which might be termed "Vocational Service in Action."

The Crombie Allen Award Contest was also a highlight of our meetings, participated in by representatives of the University of Southern California, Loyola University and Occidental College. The subject for the occasion was "How can Rotary best further its fourth objective in the World of Today."

Dick Whittington's report of the District Conference Committee was a masterpiece of detailing of the results of his committee's efforts in the accounting for the \$68.86 expense for which he "prayed" reimbursement, as per the following quotation:

"WHAT WE GOT FOR OUR MONEY"

"Weath Touchstone was there. Weath would have gone anyway. George Worster and Ruby were there. George was on the program. He had to go. Roger Truesdail was there. Rog was on the program too. Bob Cannon and Bill McCloy were there. They had to go. Rotary paid Bill's bill. Cal Gahagen was there. Cal was on the program. Bill Brandenburg and the Missus were there. (They live at Catalina anyway). Carlos and Olga Stratton were there. Carlos was on the program. Wag Wagner also was there. Wag was on the program. Carl Strom was there. He sails over every weekend. But Anton Delkin, Paul Pape, Win Miller and "Dick" Whittington, went over purely as a result of the efforts of the District Conference Committee. I say "purely" with qualifications. Truthfully, Paul Pape went over to do some watercolor painting, but he wound up by attending all the meetings of the Conference, and enjoying them too. But I can honestly say that the undersigned went purely as a result of the committee.

Very respectfully submitted

"Dick" Whittington, Chairman

Please remit above mentioned expenditures (\$68.86) to the above mentioned chairman."

There are many fine things to remember during Weath's administration. One in particular that he is very happy over is that a great number of the invocations given by our member, Louis Evans, were assembled and bound in booklet form, a copy of which was given to each member of the club and visiting Rotarians, as requested. This was done at no cost to the club, the cost being borne by a few members of the club with special thanks to the part played by Will S. Porter. Many pages could be devoted to a full revelation of all of the activities of the club throughout the year. However, it all may be covered by stating that never has the club functioned more smoothly and successfully and "a good time was had by all."

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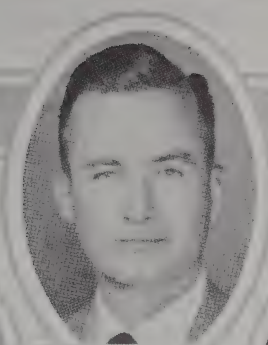
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ROTARY No. 5 distinguished itself during the year 1948-49 by elevating to its highest office not only one of the most capable, but one of the youngest men ever to hold the presidency of a Rotary Club. Rotarian son of a Rotarian father, who also served as President of ROTARY No. 5, Bob Cannon did an outstanding job of fine leadership throughout the year. Many events and developments distinguished this



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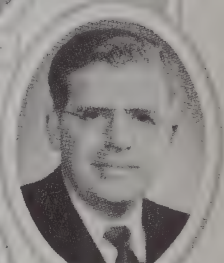
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twelve month period, but the accomplishment with which Bob, himself, was most pleased, was probably the establishment of the Junior Fifty. This group was composed of the fifty members who most recently had joined the club. As new men joined, they replaced the oldest members of the Junior Fifty. The aims of the group were to more quickly integrate new members into the club and its many activities, and its members were highly enthusiastic over the degree to which these aims were accomplished. Chairman of the Committee during the year was Cone Bass, and he was ably assisted by Norman Pithey, the Secretary, and Bob Wagner, the Program Chairman.

Chairman of the Attendance Committee was Clyde Hogsett. Illnesses, leaves of absence, and business conditions in general conspired somewhat to hurt the club's attendance record, but due to the diligence of the committee, the attendance record fell off only 1% when compared to the previous year. J. Clifford Revell was Chairman of the Bowling Committee and twelve mens' teams and six teams of Rotaryans made up the largest group participating in this activity in the history of the club. A Los Angeles Rotary Club team entered in the Service Club League won our first championship in seventeen years. Also, for the first time in the history of the District Conference Bowling the L.A. team came home with first prize.

The Classifications Committee was headed by Richard G. Duncan, and was particularly active in surveying all members in the roster, with a view toward straightening out any inappropriate classifications. Samuel W. Gibson was Editor of the "EL RODEO", and headed up a smooth-working group, which turned out an excellent publication, week after week. Guy L. Morrill, was Chairman of the District Conference Committee, which arranged the program and entertainment for the Thursday night dinner of the Conference, at which our club was host.

The Fellowship Committee, headed by Elmer J. Jensen, purchased special lapel buttons, and was as efficient as ever in circulating among the more than five thousand visiting Rotarians, who entered our portals during the year. Graham Dible again furnished boutonnieres each week to all Rotarians and visitors. James E. Shelton was Chairman of the Finance Committee, and under his careful management the budget was met. The General Entertainment Committee, under the Chairmanship of Charles Lick, cooperated with the Vice-President and Program Chairman in the arrangement of the special programs.

Arthur F. Clubb was Chairman of the Good Samaritan Committee, and the effectiveness of this committee's activities is perhaps best emphasized by the fact that Chairman Clubb and Ned Durbin, alone, totalled one hundred and eighty-two visits, phone calls, and card mailings to indisposed Rotarians. C. W. Morse was Chairman of the Inter-City Committee, which arranged for exchange meetings with both Santa Barbara and San Diego. The International Convention this year was held in New York, and the International Convention Committee, under the leadership of George Irvin, did a good job of lining up Los Angeles Rotarians for attendance at this convention.

Leon D. Eliel was Chairman of the "THE ROTARIAN" Magazine Committee, which this year prepared a number of articles for our own "EL RODEO", calling the membership's attention to items of interest in the national magazine. Also, two articles were written to the "ROTARIAN". The secret Membership Committee reviewed forty-five proposals for membership, and recommended twenty-eight new members for consideration by the Board of Directors. W. Gerald Stone was Chairman of the Outing Committee, which renewed an old tradition by holding a well-attended outing at the Valley Park Country Club.

The President's Committee was headed by John Pearce, and met once a month, reviewing all classifications presented. C. P. MacGregor was Chairman of the Program Committee, which did an outstanding job of bringing top flight speakers and entertainment to ROTARY No. 5. Some of the highlights of this year's programs will be mentioned later.

Herman Miller was Chairman of the Recreation Fellowship Committee, which did an exceptional job of organizing and presenting additional fellowship activities designed to attract members into social programs, other than golf or bowling. One of the most significant contributions of this committee was the organizing of the Junior Fifty. The golf program, itself, was outstanding. The annual "Honeymoon Party" was highly successful. A Dancing Committee, under C. Edward Miller, sponsored three rousing square dances, the last of which was a never-to-be-forgotten trip in blacked out buses to the "Mystery Location", which turned out to be San Clemente.

The Camera Club, under Albert L. Stone, met with enthusiasm from the very beginning and held thirteen successful meetings. William S. Porter was commissioned to organize an Octet for which a number of Rotarians had indicated an interest, but lack of a conductor

handicapped the progress of this group. Song Conductors and Accompanists for the weekly meetings were herded to the rostrum by Alfred A. Hartley, Chairman of this committee. Kenneth B. Kirk was Chairman of the Public Information Committee, and the results of his efforts were the receiving of more publicity than for some years past in the columns of the metropolitan papers. Most of the clippings were put into a leather bound book and presented by the committee to the club for its permanent record.

William H. Carnall was Chairman of the Roster Committee, which turned in an outstanding job this year, actually preparing two rosters, in line with the new policy of going to press immediately on July 1. A complete revision in format and binding was worked out, and actually accomplished at the same cost usually incurred in reissuing the same book each year due to the contributions of Philo Holland, Alex Kenney, and Bill Carnall, who contributed the paper, the binding, and the make-up. The Rotary Information Committee was headed by Henry Humann and held three meetings during the year for new members. William W. Bradford was Chairman of the Round Table Committee, which kept the Round Table Room operating efficiently and to everyone's satisfaction. Speakers' Bureau Chairman was Ben L. Wells, and among other accomplishments, this committee arranged for Morris Pendleton and Colonel Mesick, U. S. Army, to speak at inter-city meetings with San Diego and Santa Barbara.

Herbert J. Powell was Chairman of the Special Projects Committee, which was organized to handle any community service activities not specifically covered by one of the other groups. Work was done with the Sheriff's Boys Camp, the Fred C. Nelles School in Whittier, and Lafayette Center. Martin Hauser was Chairman of the All Nations Club group, and with the help of Ed Brent, made possible the installation of a heating unit for one of the mountain cabins of the All Nations Foundation. This committee also arranged for the purchase of a new bus for this institution. Wallace Durham was Chairman of the Watson Bockman Memorial Library Committee, which put on a drive for new books, resulting in about three hundred volumes being contributed by members of the club to this library.

The Boy Scout Group was headed by George Robe and concentrated on help to Camp Arthur Letts. One hundred gallons of stain

were contributed by the Los Angeles Paint Club, through the good offices of Chad McClellan. One hundred pounds of Ammate for killing poison oak were donated by Al Hartley. Five sets of tools were contributed by Morris Pendleton. Two large illuminated clocks were contributed by Keith Chamblin. The contribution from the Club budget was stretched a long way for needed supplies through the help of Bill Deist and Byron Badham. Charles Adams and Dick Wilcox very generously promised to help out with shrubbery and reforestation problems when the camp is ready for this assistance.

The Y.M.C.A. Group, headed by Leland A. Doan, purchased and installed a television set for the downtown Y.M.C.A., and also spent substantial time in aiding the Y.M.C.A. in their campaign for funds. LeRoy D. Owen was Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee. Two programs during the year were devoted to crippled children, the first in conjunction with Graham Dible's Flower Craft Talk, and the other with a Shrine program featuring Harold Lloyd as the principal speaker. The purchase of an automatic washing machine and clothes dryer was authorized for use at the Crippled Children's Camp.

The Milk Fund Committee was chairmanned by William T. Cannon, Jr., and reviewed all of the agencies to which milk was contributed. A total of \$810.00 was spent for milk purchased below cost, and contributions made to the Spastic Children's Foundation and the L.A. Orthopaedic Foundation. Fred D. Hogan was Chairman of Goodwill Industries Committee, which held three meetings at the Goodwill Store, put articles in the "EL RODEO" and aided in the anniversary celebration. Philip S. Bernays was Chairman of the Salvation Army Committee, which recommended that \$1,000.00 of the usual Christmas Funds be contributed to this work, and that any surplus funds be used for improving conditions at the mountain camp. David J. Coale was Chairman of the Community Chest Committee, which aided in the Community Chest drive through publicity and in obtaining executives to help in the campaign. The Civic Service Committee was headed by Carl T. Colt, who attended the "Conference of Civic Organizations", which was being organized to combat Communism.

James L. Donnelly was Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee, which worked closely with the National Safety Council in this area. This committee arranged for District 107, in collaboration with the

American Legion, to assume responsibility for a Safety Drive for the month of March, 1949. The International Service Committee was headed by Ralph N. Cardozo, and put on a program in which three foreign students were speakers. This meeting was attended by all of the foreign students who were being sponsored by clubs in this district. The student sponsored by our own club, Ebrahim Nuban from Iran, was entertained many times by the chairman, and by other Rotarians, giving him an opportunity to participate in home life in this community. John R. Moore was Chairman of the Crombie Allen Award. It was recommended that no contest be held this year, due to the fact that sufficient funds had not been accumulated. The Vocational Service Committees was headed by Donald M. Baker. Alexander W. Adams was Chairman of the College Forum Committee,, which was set up in conjunction with the Vocational Service Committee for the purpose of working out vocational counseling.

As mentioned above, the weekly programs were varied and of uniformly fine quality. We were addressed by a number of our own outstanding club members. In addition to hearing Angus Mitchell, President of Rotary International; Tom J. Davis, past President of Rotary International, and Victor Ekdahl, Governor of District No. 107, we also were enlightened and entertained by our own Carl Miller, Graham Dible, Dr. Alexander Stoddard, Paul Easton, Henry L. Clark, Howard Mills, Herbert Ivey, Clarence Rowland, Ralph Cardozo, and Durward Howes. It is perhaps not proper to select individuals from the list of fine speakers, week after week, but this history would not be complete without mentioning such program headlines as:

Milton J. Brock, President National Assn. of Home Builders
 Dr. George S. Benson, President of Harding College
 Goodwin J. Knight, Lieutenant Governor of California
 James Boyd, Director, United States Bureau of Mines
 A. D. Whiteside, President, Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.
 Jack Kapp, President, Decca Records
 Reese Taylor, President, The Union Oil Company
 J. S. Knowlson, President, Stewart-Warner Corporation
 James F. Cates, Chairman of Board, People's Gas,
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The Honorable Albert W. Hawkes

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After completing a splendid year, which gave rise to the above activities, and in which he gave untiringly of himself, President Bob Cannon came to the end of his administration and the traditional "demotion" ceremonies, ably presided over again by James Shelton.

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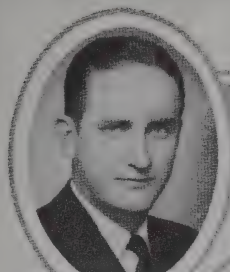
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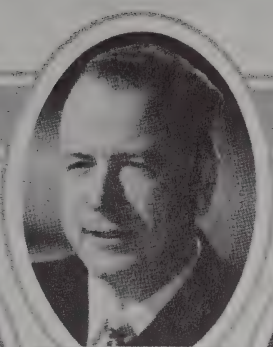
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In an era when the popular song was "Keep Them Bottles Quiet", Mac MacGregor rose as the Los Angeles No. 5 President who made an heroic effort to plead with and coerce the Biltmore waiters into reducing their racket below the pitch of an operating steel mill.

Seriously, history is people, so this report will be more concerned with people and their relation to events, rather than a report of committees in detail.



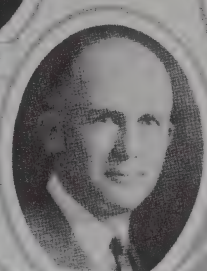
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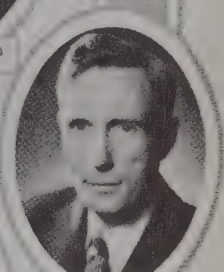
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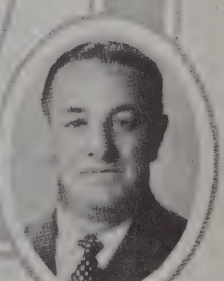
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Each Rotary administration has a goal that is their chosen project for the year. This is over and above the normal continuance, expansion, and betterment of numerous committees and policies.

Using a frontal attack, we asked Mac, "What did No. 5 do during your reign?". The answer — "Tell them Bernard Shaw said it best when asked, 'Where is Rotary going?' — 'To lunch!', answered the venerable gentleman of letters". Avoiding this modest statement, we may say that this administration was devoted to the principle of attracting outstanding leaders throughout the world who had a message to convey and to obtain them FIRST in Southern California. The object was to make Los Angeles Rotary the sounding board for their messages. We were not able to compensate these fine speakers monetarily. All we could offer was friendliness, comfortable conditions, and the attention of a courteous, intelligent audience. No stone was left unturned to accomplish this. It was not done by calling on a genie stopped up in a bottle of Scotch. It took changes, reorganization, constant attention, and hard work along with executive talent.

Take a look at the thoroughness of this job. The executive offices of our club were remodeled so that the guest speaker could be made comfortable and have the opportunity to meet the executives of the Club, and converse with leaders in his field. Also, a group of the speaker's personal friends were invited whenever possible to allay as much as possible "speaker's jitters". After this informal gathering, he was accompanied to the rostrum after most of the membership was seated so that there would be no embarrassing delay waiting at a partially filled table.

The format of "El Rodeo" was altered to give the speaker primary consideration for advance publicity and post speech summaries. In addition to the usual comprehensive series of news releases to the local press, radio, as a new reporting medium, was used. Local broadcasting stations, using interviews and reviewing speaker's address, focused public attention on the high caliber of speakers our meeting presented. This was adopted for the first time in the history of the Los Angeles Club. And, as mentioned before, every method possible was devised to quiet the noise of the waiters in respect to the speaker.

We enjoyed on his first trip to Southern California, speaking before our Club first, Sir Oliver Franks, K.C.B., Britain's Ambassador to the United States. We were also favored with many industrial leaders such

as Mr. T. S. Petersen, President of Standard Oil Company of California; Leland I. Doan, President of Dow Chemical Company; Frederick W. Specht, President of Armour and Company; Col. W. F. Rockwell, Chairman of the Board of the Rockwell Manufacturing Co. This is mentioning but a few. Also during the course of the year, some of "our own" gave important presentations. There were Lew Allen Weiss, Chairman of Don Lee Broadcasting System; W. G. Paul, President, Los Angeles Stock Exchange; Chad McClellan, President, Old Colony Paint and Chemical Co., and President of Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Los Angeles; Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, President, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; and Rotary's own day led by Harry Haake and Joe Hartley.

Our attendance during the year was approximately 90.33%, third among metropolitan Rotary Clubs. One hundred fifty-five members had 100% attendance, and 120 had better than 90%. The last "El Rodeo" of the year listed vital statistics as follows: Members Los Angeles Club 467; Active 387, Past Service, Additional Active and Senior 80; Visiting Rotarians last week 130; Outside State 67, Outside United States 3. Percentage last week 83.71%.

George Worster, President, Yellow Cab Company, achieved signal honor culminating years of devotion to Rotary. In June, 1950, George was elected a Director of Rotary International. This was the first time in the history of No. 5, District 160 and its predecessor, District 107, that a member of our Club and District had been so honored.

A fleeting mention of our largest yearly activity which includes the ladies. The 15th annual three day Honeymoon Party was held at Arrowhead Springs Hotel under the guiding hand of Ralph Cardoza. In a wonderful setting with many facilities, it was a grand success.

Thirty-six new members were admitted to membership during this Rotary year. All of these men were leaders in their chosen field.

By the end of 1949 seven members completed their 25th year in No. 5 and were given appropriate recognition:

Earl R. Carpenter	Albert W. Warr
Charles R. Fleishman	James V. Yankie
Rudolph M. Gunzel	Edmund D. Young

Fred A. Hooper

The Club publication "El Rodeo" headed by editor Hank Humann was work in club service that was read, criticized, and praised more than the work of any other committee in Rotary Club No. 5. Complying with C. P.'s admonition to reduce the cost of "El Rodeo" by at least \$1200.00, while at the same time maintaining the high standard of the publication, Hank produced "El Rodeo" in a reduced size, attractively set up with the policy of priority to items first concerning Club No. 5, its activities and members; second, items concerning District 160; third, items concerning Rotary International.

The Outing Roundup was not held this year in accordance with the directors' suggestion, and in light of the financial loss of this activity the previous year.

Finances are important to any organization. Chairman of the Finance Committee, Jim Shelton, submitted monthly reports at directors' meetings indicating a safe surplus in the operating account and a substantial surplus in the charity account.

President "C. P." instituted a practice that alleviated one of the small but irritating problems that confronted each president prior to the 1949-1950 administration. Toward the end of the fiscal year, if any idle funds had been accumulated under the budget, it had been the practice to distribute these funds to various worthy causes. This part was fine, but the INCOMING president was faced with having no immediate funds available to cope with any emergency needs or requests until his budget had accumulated the necessary funds. "C. P." saw this and toward the end of his administration, after discussing it with his Board of Directors, specifically earmarked \$5000.00 to be held and made available to the incoming president to use at his discretion, with the condition that this president in turn leave a "floating" fund for this purpose. This custom has been carried on and is oil to calm the troubled waters that surround each new administration at its beginning.

Another financial safeguard was started when C. P. MacGregor formed a committee of inspection to check each year on the care and maintenance of current and previous gifts such as equipment, tools, and buildings. This was a businesslike method of protecting our original investments in youth and the community.

With forty-three principal committees, it would be impossible to describe the activity of each. On the other hand, to pick a few would be discriminatory, for they are all important and active. Nevertheless, let's take a look at part of one group, those concerned with children. Rotarians have close to their hearts the desire to "be important in the life of a child".

ALL NATIONS CLUB COMMITTEE, Joe Vaida, Chairman

This committee took as their first objective the providing of sufficient water for the mountain camp. The camp had had to close in August the previous three years because of a water shortage. The Rotary Club contributed \$600.00 for drilling a well, and through the added help of time and material donated by various committeemen and members of the Rotary Club, the well was successfully drilled and came in at the rate of twenty-five gallons per minute.

Hearing aids and hearing tests were provided free to any youth of the All Nations Club. Also, various toys were contributed for their pleasure.

BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE, Al Hartley, Chairman

The Rotary contribution was centered around Camp Arthur Letts and the Leadership Training Program of the Scout movement. The work of the committee included the renovation of a cabin devoted to leader training. Many Rotarians contributed to stretch the Club appropriation far beyond the actual dollar value involved. In addition, some china, table ware and dishes were given; a quantity of snow equipment was made available; and laundering service for mattress ticking was offered. All of these were obtained at very low figures or as outright gifts.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE, Bob Goffinet, Chairman

On January 27th the committee entertained many of the presidents and chairmen of the Crippled Children's Committees of the Rotary Clubs of Los Angeles County at the Center on West Adams Blvd. This meeting brought home to all of these clubs the importance of this work and the real progress that has been made and what has to be done in the future.

Rotary No. 5 also made a generous donation to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Y.M.C.A. COMMITTEE, Ken Volk, Chairman

This committee undertook the sponsoring of two projects.

1. Sanitary unit at Round Meadows Camp of Y.M.C.A. in the San Bernardino Mountains.
2. Repairs to the Jim Cannon craft shop.

It was anticipated that the \$500.00 received from the Rotary Club together with outside contributions of material would see the first project through to completion.

The cost of the second project was estimated at \$487.00.

Mac's Christmas greeting as shown in the 'El Rodeo' is a fitting bit of sentiment to close this brief history and comment on the 1949-1950 Rotary year, a successful year.

"This season of yuletide is one of jollity and happiness,—a gaiety and glad exchange of festive greetings and good wishes for the forthcoming year. This is rightly so.

Fundamentally, however, Christmas is the season in which celebrants the world over humbly commemorate the nativity of a great universal principle,—a profound way of life which, if sincerely exercised, can and will bring to a turbulent humanity the true and beautiful gift of; 'On earth, peace, goodwill toward men'.

It is fitting, therefore, that we strive to contribute our devotions and energies to the constant promulgation of a better and closer good neighbor relationship and understanding, both individually and universally,—that we may say, one to another, 'We have learned much in two thousand years',—and that ours is truly A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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In traditional Rotary fashion, without fanfare or ceremony, the administration of President Paul W. Easton took over the affairs of Rotary Club No. 5 immediately after the demotion of outgoing President C. P. MacGregor. Committees had been appointed and their chairmen and members briefed on their functions. The only change apparent to the members was a new personality presiding at the Friday luncheon meetings. Paul's genial manner on the rostrum pervaded the Biltmore Ballroom and he presided with a gusto peculiarly his own.

The same high caliber of luncheon meeting speakers was maintained as in the past. Notable among our Friday speakers were: Albert W. Atwood, the eminent author; Bill Henry, nationally syndicated columnist and radio personality; District Governor Edd Norwood, who discoursed on District plans for the Rotary year; Senator William F. Knowland, who reported on the affairs of the congress; E. J. Thomas, president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; coaches, sports editors and gridiron greats at our annual football meeting; Rev. Edward A. Keller, member of the faculty at Notre Dame; Rupert Hughes, noted author; Happy Chandler, "czar" of baseball; Major General Emmett O'Donnell of the Air Force; G.C.S. Corea, Ambassador from Ceylon; Rep. Fred A. Hartley, co-author of the Taft-Hartley act; Miss Vivian Kellems; and our own members Dr. Louis H. Evans, Howard Mills, George Worster and Dr. W. Ballentine Henley. The annual Christmas party, complete with Santa Claus and gifts, brought the children and grandchildren of Rotarians out in great numbers.

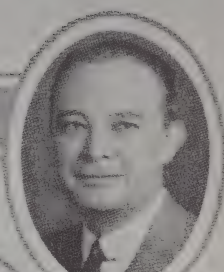
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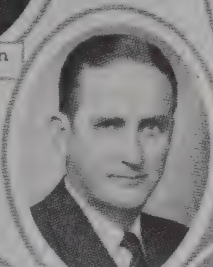
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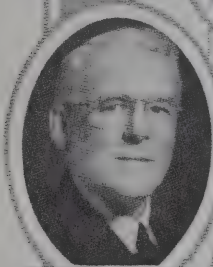
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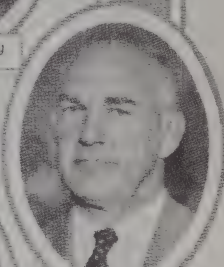
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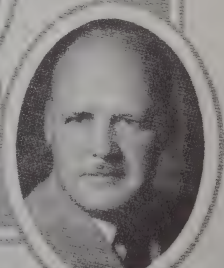
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able activities reported that club members responded most generously to appeals for funds, services and materials. Many worthwhile projects were completed and many deserving young people benefitted therefrom.

The Board of Directors approved contributions from the Club's treasury in the following amounts:

Crippled Children's Committee	\$1382.07
Goodwill Industries	235.75
Milk Fund	1200.00
Salvation Army—Camps and Recreation	2000.00
Salvation Army—Christmas Baskets	1000.00
Y.M.C.A.	<u>2000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7817.82</u>

The Rotary Information Committee, in a series of meetings, imparted to the new members a proper understanding of their privileges and responsibilities as Rotarians, and of the history, objects, scope and administration of Rotary International. Those who benefitted from these meetings were:

Paul Beeson, Hugo M. Burgwald, Jr., Russell E. Burkett, Jr., Dr. John A. Bullis, B. A. Burkholder, Howard G. Conley, Frank Comey, Thomas L. Dowling, William C. Eldridge, William K. Allen Ferguson, Claude W. Fawcett, Clark Galloway, Harold C. Gerster, Willard G. Gregory, Henry R. Herold, Elbert S. Hartwick, Walter R. Hoefflin Jr., Robert S. Hirsch, Stanley M. Johns, Richard E. Johnson, W. E. Johnston, Ira W. Kinsey, Milton Lewis, Earle Linge, Edgar D. Lewis, Howard E. M. Miller, Jean C. Miller, Albert F. Mortensen, Alvin S. Nelson, John W. Padden, Dent W. Sanford, Sam W. Scott, Haylett B. Shaw, Gerald F. Twist, Robert E. Watkins, and Melvin D. Wilson.

These new members were taken into the Junior Fifty Group as soon as they were inducted into the Club. The Junior Fifty Committee is unique in Rotary; it is a splendid means of providing new members with the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other and with older members. They hold regular meetings, often at the place of business of one of their members. At such meetings craft talks are usually given.

The work of the Fellowship Committee deserves special mention. One heard many comments by visiting Rotarians about the warmth of the welcome given them, and the opinion seems to be generally held that Club No. 5 is outstanding among large clubs.

El Rodeo, our weekly publication, maintained the high standard set by previous editors.

Average weekly attendance placed our Club in third position among clubs with over 400 members, our percentage being but a fraction of a point behind the club in first position.

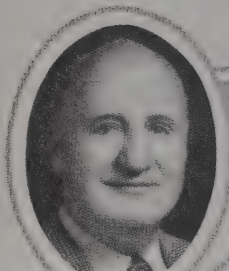
Pure pleasure was provided by the Golf, Bowling, Outing and Dancing Committees. The tradition of monthly golf tournaments, rain or shine, was upheld, and members who attended tested various local courses. Many non-golfers took part in dinner and evening festivities. The Golf Committee's annual Honeymoon Party for members and their Rotaryans was again held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel. Those who were farsighted enough to make reservations were rewarded with three days of fun and frolic, all in the spirit of real Rotary fellowship. The Dancing Committee held a series of well-attended square dances at two-week intervals. The Bowling Committee, with teams of both Rotarians and Rotaryans, met each week during the season and crowned their year with a formal dinner dance. The Members' Annual Outing Committee staged an extremely successful stag affair at the ranch of Rotarian Rich Buelier, near Piru.

A departure from tradition was provided by the manner in which President Paul was demoted. The regular Friday meeting was held at night; the Biltmore Ballroom was filled to capacity with members and their Rotaryans. Rotarians Bob Cannon and Herman Miller conceived an extravaganza which depicted the affairs of the outgoing administration in hilarious fashion. Much unsuspected talent was uncovered in the all-member cast. The affair was an outstanding success.

In retrospect, the administration of 1950-51 was a highly successful one; all Club activities were conducted in the spirit established by the pioneers of Club No. 5. The behind-the-scenes activities of the officers, directors and committees were conducted in a quiet, efficient manner, the members having little knowledge of the complexities attending the administration of the affairs of a large Rotary Club. Many willing workers gave unselfishly of their talents to keep the Rotary wheel rolling. Here indeed is "Service Above Self."

The charitable activities of the Club benefitted considerably from funds raised by fines, contributions and appropriations from the treasury. An increase in members was recorded, extra-curricular activities provided means for real Rotary fellowship, and the administration turned over a going concern to their successors.

On all counts, a successful Rotary year!



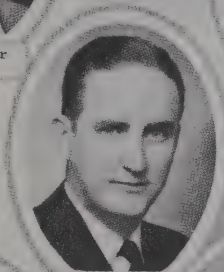
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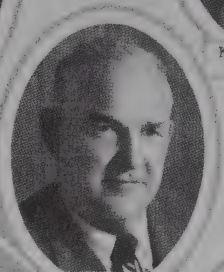
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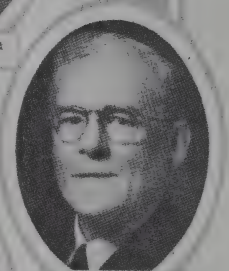
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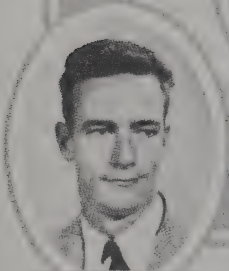
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"Jewelry-Gems-Retailing" Durward Howes insists that his year was spent having fun. As far as the membership was concerned—yes, we enjoyed ourselves, but none would maintain that the President's duties are all fun, for though Durward carried the responsibility so easily that it appeared to be fun, all the activities inherited as he took office were continued and many more added.

Attendance is the heart that gives Rotary its tremendous capacity for service. Los Angeles No. 5 had a twelve month's average of 91.13% — certainly something to be proud of.

The last "El Roedo" of the year listed the following vital statistics:

Members Los Angeles Club	467
Active	386
Past Service Additional	
Active and Senior	82
Visiting Rotarians Last Week	86
Outside State	23
Outside United States	4
Percentage Last Week	89.72

The high quality of our speakers was maintained as is evidenced by the following short list taken at random:

General Albert C. Wedemeyer
 Adolphe Menjou
 Our own District Governor, Carl P. Miller

Frank E. Spain, President Rotary International

Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre

Mrs. Louise Baker, Amputee and Director Public Relations
for National Society for Crippled
Children and Adults

Henry A. White, President, Dole Pineapple

Dan A. Kimball, Secretary of Navy

Carroll Shanks, President, Prudential Life Insurance Co.

Howard Pyle, Governor of Arizona

Marriner S. Eccles, former Head of Federal Reserve Board.

Edwin G. Nourse, outstanding economist

One of the most enjoyable programs was that put on November 23rd by the "Junior 50" group headed by Walt Hoefflin at the podium. It was the USC-UCLA football rally filled with gags and laughs. Clever Walt and his crew set a rapid pace with the guest speaker, Joe E. Brown, in rare form as he proved his right to the title of "All American" entertainer.

One feature of this administration that is not generally understood, is that toward the end of Durward's time in office in one of the final director's meetings, Durward planted the seed of the Foundation plan that was adopted during a later administration. Durward conceived the idea of establishing "The Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation" and turning over to it the assets of a trust fund which the club has had for many years with the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles as trustee. The Foundation would have two primary objects: (1) careful management of its permanent funds, and (2) flexibility with which the income from these funds could be distributed each year to charitable agencies. It was believed that many Rotarians and others would from time to time wish to make gifts to the Foundation for charitable purposes during their lifetime, and many would also provide for charitable bequests by provisions in their wills.

During Durward's term, the entire accounting procedure and office methods were revamped in accordance with modern business practice, and with the help of outside specialists. Additional clerical assistance was obtained to help share the tremendous load of Russ McCallister, Club Executive Secretary.

After a vote of the membership, it was decided to move the meeting place and offices to the new Statler Hotel. Any change brings comment, but the majority, after a period of adjustment, were pleased with the move.

Because of increased cost of operation, it was found necessary, after due consideration by the Board of Directors and after vote of the membership, to increase dues by \$1.00 to \$18.00 per quarter payable in advance. This was done by a change in the Club by-laws.

\$9,761.00 in fines was levied on the membership and distributed to our approved charities. Through Durward's adroit leadership, the finances of the Club at the close of his administration were in a very strong position.

Coeducational club activities such as the 23rd Annual Bowling Spring Formal, the 17th Annual Honeymoon Party (with a genuine Hawaiian Luau), and the Children's Christmas Parties were a tremendous success.

One of the excellent committees formed during this year for a specific purpose was the "Get-Out-The-Vote Committee". This movement, with buttons and pledges to all members, and publicity at each meeting prior to the election, was highly successful.

August 17, 1951, was the dedication of the Fire Ring which the Rotary Club of Los Angeles donated to Camp Paivika, the Crippled Children's Camp at Crestline near Lake Arrowhead. Fines assessed on members created this outdoor amphitheater and center of camp social life for those whose lot, but for fate, might have been ours.

Something new in Rotary District 160! Recognizing the interest of Rotarians in international matters, District Governor, Carl P. Miller, organized the first Rotary Institute on International Affairs, under the auspices of the International Service District Advisory Committee of which Dr. W. Ballentine Henley was Chairman. The program was divided into two parts. The first included a panel of three speakers who presented and discussed the three basic "hungers" of the world today. Heading up the second part of the program was Paul G. Hoffman, head of the Ford Foundation and recent Director of E.C.A., who gave the answer to these questions discussing, "How Rotarians Can Meet These World Hungers".

Members annual outing, Saturday, September 15th, 1951, at Rich Budelier's ranch was a gourmet's delight and an attendance success. One hundred forty Rotarians consumed, among other things; 250 pounds steer beef (barbecued), 125 pounds pork (barbecued), and 300 hot dogs. Rich donated his 1000 acre ranch and all facilities to make the day memorable for those who attended. They arrived as early as 8:00 A.M., and the last left at 10:00 P.M.

Maintaining our record of outstanding civic and industrial leaders as members, twenty-three "neophytes" were brought in during the year.

Our member, Morris B. Pendleton, was signally honored by being selected to lead a team of American technical experts sponsored by the Economic Cooperation Administration Technical Assistance Division and to spend a week visiting plants in each of the three Scandinavian countries for the purpose of sharing American "know how" with Scandinavian industrialists. Thereafter, meetings were held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from September 17, 1951, through September 22, 1951, to provide an opportunity for formal and informal discussions with groups of business leaders there.

C. P. Harnish, President of Southern California Water Co., was awarded the bronze "Oscar of Industry" in a ceremony in New York City. The award was made by the "Financial World" for outstanding annual reports. C. P.'s report, dealing with the waterworks industry, was selected from among 5000 by a board of independent experts. Presentation of the trophy was witnessed by more than 1300 business and financial executives from all over the United States and Canada.

May Day, 1952, Club No. 5 honored Russell McCallister and celebrated his 24th anniversary with Club No. 5 as Executive Secretary. Administrations come and go, but Russ goes on and on. The many officers, directors, and committee chairmen who have had the opportunity to work closely with him have real affection and true admiration for him. Russell McCallister exemplifies Rotary's ideals and its slogan "Service Above Self".

During the year, the Board of Directors of Club No. 5 elected to honorary membership Harry L. Ruggles and Charles A. Newton. These two Charter Members of the first Rotary Club in the world, Chicago, 1905, are the No. 1 and No. 2 Rotarians of the 350,000 members in the world today.

Dr. Louis H. Evans received two outstanding awards on the eve of his departure for a three month's tour of mission stations in Africa. One, he was honored with Tau Kappa Alpha award as the national "speaker of the year in religion". Two, he was presented the award of the Association of Secondary School Administrators for his service to secondary schools in California.

Excerpts of President Durward's address "Adventure in Service" are a fitting close for this brief history:

"The main objective of this year's Rotary administration was to carry forward the fine overall Rotary program that our predecessors had built so well and established so firmly. We wanted to continue to build and strengthen the four objects of Rotary within our club and as they relate to Rotary International. We wanted to maintain the prestige that Rotary enjoys in our community. We wanted to build even stronger the fine fellowship that has always existed within our club. We wanted to make our Golf, Bowling, and Camera Club even more attractive to an increasing number of our members. We wanted our club to retain our long established interest in charitable activities. The generosity of our members made this possible. We wanted to administer the Rotary office and our financial affairs as one would a successful business. We wanted to maintain a sound financial position.

Through the cooperation of this year's Officers, Board of Directors, Committee Chairmen, and Vice-Chairmen, as well as the Committee Members, our 'team' has achieved many of its objectives."

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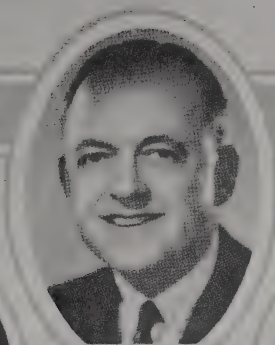
Probably one of the outstanding features of Ken Kirk's administration was the keen interest manifested in district affairs by our Club. It is safe to say that the interest manifested by Club No. 5 in district affairs reached an all-time high. More people attended our district conference and more members from Club No. 5 served as speakers at out-lying Rotary Club in our district than ever before.

During this Administration's year, our Club moved all their activities, that is, luncheon assembly, office and Round Table, from the Biltmore Hotel to the new Statler Hotel and Office Building which had just been opened. The first luncheon assembly in the Pacific Room, at the Statler Hotel, was held December 5th, Win Miller being the featured speaker with a Craft program. This change of our residence came about after 20 years at the Biltmore Hotel. This move had been authorized during the previous administration by an assenting majority vote of the membership approving the Board of Directors' proposed change in location of our Club.

Probably one of the most controversial matters to be presented in Rotary for a long time was this move made by the Club during Ken's administration. In spite of the fact that it was put to the vote of the membership and the majority ruled that the move be made to the Statler, there was continual agitation by certain individuals to return to the Biltmore.



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D. J. Bogardus Jr.
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A great deal of effort was given during this administration for new members as it was the declared objective to exceed past records. One means of accomplishing this was the approval of the Board of Directors, early in the administration, of no limitation to the number of Additional Active Members in the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. During the Kirk administration, 65 new members were taken in. In spite of this large number of new members, the club had no waiting list as the year ended due to resignations, deaths and transfers of members to other types of memberships.

Paul Easton was Chairman of the Classifications Committee and set up an ambitious program which was carried out well during the year. A list was compiled of unfilled classifications on major industries in this community but not represented in our Club. This list contained 521 classifications which were brought to the attention of the membership through publication in *El Rodeo* in weekly installments. Members were urged to study this list carefully and to propose the best man qualified to represent his industry in Rotary. Particular emphasis was made for the need for younger Additional Active Members. At the beginning of the administration, there were 387 Active Members and 85 Past Service, Additional Active, etcetera, and at the end 399 Active and 116 Past Service, etcetera.

Dave Sellards, as Editor of *El Rodeo*, carried on the traditionally good work of our Club publication, and at the turn of the year produced an entirely new format. Carl Miller, as chairman of the Finance Committee, balanced the budget in exemplary fashion.

The Junior 50 Committee, under Clark Galloway's direction, functioned actively during the year. Their meetings were held regularly the second Wednesday of each month, with the featured speaker drawn from the ranks of the Junior 50 membership. This Committee arranged the regular Friday program of the whole Club, November 21, the day preceding the important annual USC-UCLA football game.

Many fine programs were presented by the Program Committee. After Pat Brady's untimely death on February 25th, this work was carried on by Win Miller. Some of the many outstanding speakers were:

Elmer Franzwa, District Governor, District 160 Rotary International

Major General Daniel H. Hudelson

Sir Percy Spender, Australian Ambassador to the U.S.A.

Byron Harvey, Jr., President, Fred Harvey

Leroy A. Lincoln, Chairman of Board, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

W. C. Stolk, President, American Can Company

Harry J. Brunnier, President, Rotary International

Roy C. Ingersoll, President, Borg-Warner Corporation

The Round Table Committee, under the direction of Frank Beeson, ensconced themselves comfortably in the new Round Table Room at the new Statler Hotel and carried on their varied activities as had been done for many years at the Biltmore Hotel.

The Rotary Information Committee, under the leadership of Dick Duncan, carried on actively. New Rotarians were assigned to members of the Committee. Committee members extended invitations to new Rotarians to meet and sit with them at the Friday meetings. Fireside meetings were held at the homes of Rotarians for the benefit of the new members. The meetings were divided into groups; one for those living in the Eastern section, including Pasadena and San Marino; one for the Western area, including Brentwood, North Hollywood, Beverly Hills; and one for the Central area, including Hollywood, Los Angeles, etc. Another development was closer co-ordination between the Information Committee and the Junior 50 Committee, consisting of sponsoring Rotary Information programs for the Junior 50 Meeting.

Walter Hoefflin, Chairman of the Attendance Committee, inaugurated some additional procedures to maintain the good attendance of our Club. The attendance record of every member for the year 1951-52 was printed and mailed to the membership. In addition to the Rotary office mailing absentees a card of non-attendance, each member of the Committee was assigned 20 members and held responsible for their good attendance. Walt's most efficient chairmanship resulted in a new high attendance record.

The Inter-City Committee, Renny Butler, Chairman, held meetings with the following Clubs: Las Vegas, Nevada; San Diego; San Francisco; Long Beach; and Bakersfield. The District Conference was held in April at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. A good attendance from our Club was secured through the efforts of Neill Davis and his Committee. Under the Chairmanship of Lou Guernsey, the Historical

Committee brought up to date the history of our Club. Ray Dress was the Chairman of the International Convention Committee and this year it was held at Paris, France, with good attendance from all parts of the world.

The Rotarian Magazine Committee, Clif Beaty Chairman, stimulated reader interest in "THE ROTARIAN" by frequently during the year citing headliner articles in our "EL RODEO", and emphasizing the importance of "THE ROTARIAN" and the high place it occupies among the many thousands of magazines and other periodicals published in the United States and Canada.

The Public Information Committee, headed by Dave Coale, was very active in publicizing our activities. News releases were given to all our metropolitan newspapers and other papers, such as the Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor and thirteen other daily and weekly newspapers in the outlying sections of the Los Angeles area. In addition to these papers, releases were sent to the City News Service, representing one hundred and thirty-five weekly papers in the Metropolitan area.

The Membership Committee approved a record number of new members for this administration. Under the direction of Richard W. Wilcox, the Bowling Committee had an active year with ten men's teams and six women's teams participating. There was a new introduction to the Bowling Season, a Midseason Party. This was held January 24th in the Ball Room of the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena. It was a costume party with a circus motif, and highly successful. The "Bowling Ball" party was held May 22nd in the Rodeo Room at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Loren Lumbard and his Camera Club had a very active and full year. The Golf Committee, headed by Laurence Greiner, had a very successful year, with the season being climaxed by the annual Honey-moon Party held at the Desert Inn, Palm Springs. Dick Colyear and his Outing Committee threw a well attended annual picnic at the Union Oil Co. picnic grounds near Brea on September 27th. The Rod and Gun Committee, headed by Wilmot Robinson, put on an albacore trip in Catalina Channel. It was enjoyed by all present, even though the fish were making up some place else because they were absent. Another salt water fishing trip was held, as well as a skeet shoot and a trout fishing expedition with a fish fry at one of the nearby trout farms.

Al Mortensen and his Civic Service Committee instituted the two following resolutions and submitted them to the Board of Directors for proper action:

No. 1 — Emphasizing the three R's and American History in our Schools.

No. 2 — Pushing vigorous extension of our freeway system.

Stanley Johns and his Get-Out-The-Vote Committee were very active in this effort for the 1952 Presidential Election. It took the form of a continual barrage in the "EL RODEO" to register before the deadline of September 11th and to vote. A registrar for voters was set up in the lobby at several meetings.

Earl Lingle was Chairman of the Service Men's Committee. This Committee recommended, and received approval for, the purchase of five transoceanic radios. These were donated to the Chaplains' Service Corps for use in Korea. They also submitted a proposal that outstanding servicemen who are from or in Los Angeles be invited to attend regular Rotary luncheon meetings for recognition of their achievements. The Traffic Safety Committee, headed by James D. Stewart, was responsible for the regular meeting on January 9th, at which Chief Parker of the Los Angeles Police Department spoke on traffic safety and the Police Department Pistol Team gave a demonstration.

H. M. Anderson, Chairman of the All Nations Boys' Club Committee secured approval for the purchase of a new Shuffleboard for the Game Room. Ernie Hillman for the Boy Scout Committee proposed help for the recently organized Lake Arrowhead Boy Scout Camps. Campsites have been started and it is their aim to develop this land to ultimately provide accommodations for 1500 to 2000 boys. Ray Hanley was Chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee and they submitted a proposal for additional funds for approximately \$1500.00 from the Rotary Club to be used by the Crippled Children's Society to complete, the Nature Study Building at Camp Paivika.

Herb Powell, as Chairman of the Past Projects-Maintenance Committee, set out to tabulate various past projects, determine and classify them, and then assign them to various members of the Committee who will then visit them, check with the various agencies under whose auspices they were erected, and determine their present condition. Tom

Fitch guided the activities of the Milk Fund Committee. Funds were continued to be given to the East Side Health Center and to the Spastic Children's Foundation.

Jack Bullis' Salvation Army Committee recommended expenditures for two projects:

- A — Necessary repair to a swimming pool at the Calabasas Camp which had been damaged by a washout.
- B — Donations of necessary gymnasium equipment to the Salvation Army Youth Center here in Los Angeles.

The Bockman Library Committee, under Harold Hamill as Chairman, rather than holding another book drive, secured Club funds and contributions from Rotarians interested in helping underprivileged boys to purchase more up to date and modern books for the boys of all ages. Bogie Bogardus, Jr. was Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Committee and continued the very good work of this Committee.

The International Service Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Lee Eliel, carried on quite a comprehensive program. Advisory help was given various foreign Rotarians. Two Rotarian Fellows, Miss Gwendoline Mathews of Madras, India and Richard Dill from Nurnberg, Germany, were introduced to our Club and entertained by Lee Eliel. A study was instituted for two plans. One was to sponsor an agricultural group of these people from some country as Iran, for example, one to be a native teacher of agriculture in their own schools and two others, his assistants. The purpose of this would be to demonstrate to these people the improvement possible in production of food in their own countries. The other plan presented by Al Quon was to sponsor an essay contest in foreign cities, such as, perhaps Tokyo, and Hongkong, or other places where the democratic idea is struggling for existence. The essays would then be judged by a committee of our Club and suitable prizes or awards sent to the winners.

Under the Chairmanship of John R. Moore, the Crombie Allen Committee held the annual contest in May. Rotary International adopted an alternate year plan for awarding Fellowships for the Rotary Foundation, so the Rotary Foundation Committee under the direction of Martin Scott was unable to start a program.

The VISA Committee, under the Chairmanship of Bogie Bogardus, Sr., sponsored the meeting of November 28th and used the talent from

the VISA Club for the program. The principal speaker was a student from Nigeria. Due to the world situation today, the work of this Committee is of great importance and interest to all our members.

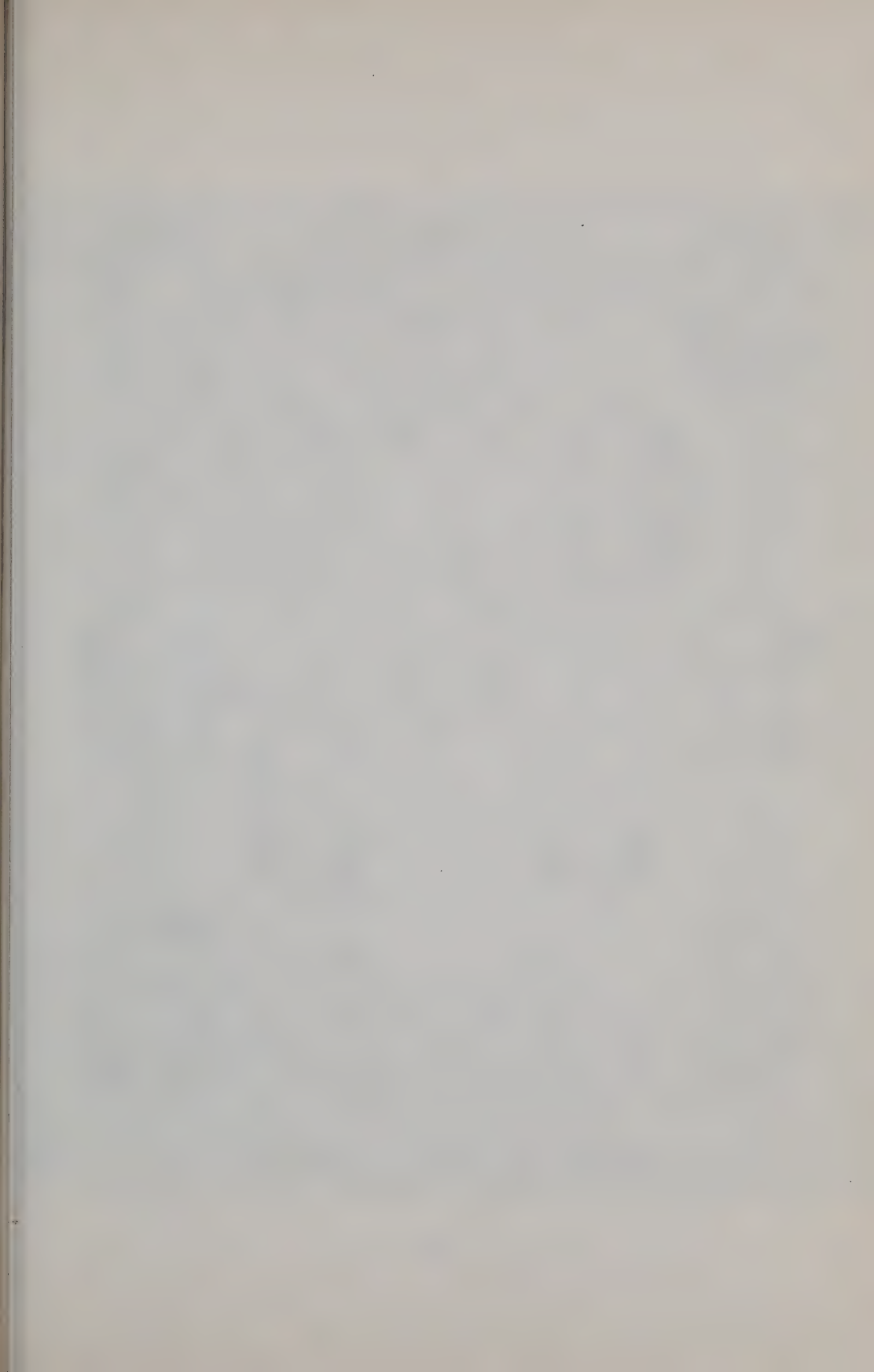
President Kirk collected \$15,491 in fines; the Community Service Committee collected \$2,159 and the income from the trust fund was \$936, making a total of \$18,587 available for charitable purposes. Of this amount \$15,861 was disbursed as follows:

Salvation Army	\$ 3,000
Boy Scouts of America	2,320
All Nations Foundation	2,300
Young Men's Christian Association	2,140
Crippled Children's Society	2,000
Goodwill Industries	1,500
Visa Students	601
Spastic Children's Foundation	600
East Los Angeles Health Center	600
City of Hope	500
Servicemen's Committee	250
Books for Bockman Memorial Library	50
	<u>\$15,861</u>

This left an excess of \$2,725 which was carried forward to subsequent years as part of the charity fund.

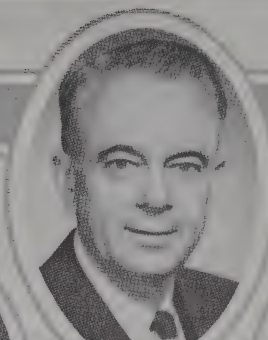
On Friday, June 9th, 1953, the membership of the Club voted unanimously to transfer Trust #1785, (formerly known as the Endowment Trust Fund) to the Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation. The purpose of this was to amend, re-establish and redesignate said trust in order (1) to meet the changing needs for philanthropic gifts with increased flexibility; (2) to afford an equal opportunity to persons of wealth and persons of moderate means, whether they be Rotarians or others, to make their several gifts for benevolent purposes more effective by providing for the management of all of them as an aggregate fund; (3) to provide for the selection of the beneficiaries of such gifts by an impartial committee of persons chosen for their knowledge of the educational, charitable, and benevolent needs of the community; and (4), to provide for the permanent protection of the principal of such gifts.

The original discussion on the formation of this Rotary Club of Los Angeles Foundation was started during the administration of Durward Howes, and completed during the administration of Kenneth B. Kirk.





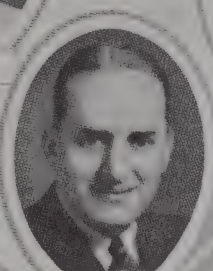
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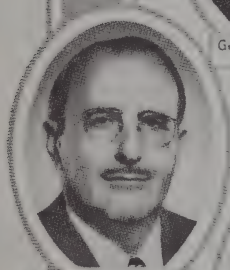
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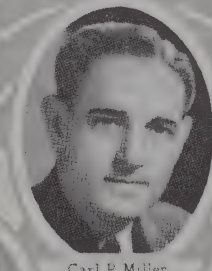
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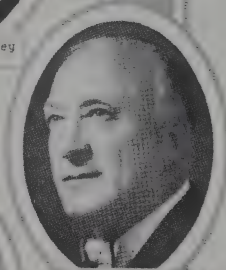
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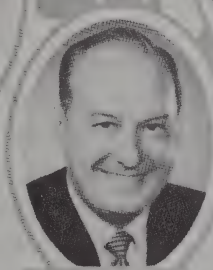
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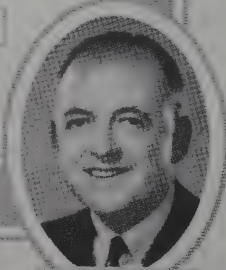
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This period in Club No. 5's history was marked by the strong and vigorous leadership of its President J. Winthrop (Win) Miller. The same efficiency that carried Win to the heights in his own organization was evident in his handling of the important duties as President.

Many events of historical nature occurred during this Rotary year. The Rotary Foundation, as an example, became a really active function of the Club with the election of a group of Directors. Officers elected included the following: Jim Shelton, President, and Directors Win Miller, Dave Marcus, Dick Duncan and Carl Miller. Although the Foundation was originally established in a previous regime, the election of a Board of Directors added emphasis and impetus to its growth, which should thrive because of its objectiveness. The foundation was created to provide a medium by which gifts and bequests be held in trust, and the income utilized for charitable purposes.

Many other happenings are worthy of discussion but will be recorded elsewhere in the history of 1953-54.

As usual, a great deal of Club activity centered around its numerous committees. Outstanding records were established by some, and the following brief summaries will record their accomplishments.

Attendance Committee:

Chairman Jim McDonald with an aggressive follow-up group established an all-time club record in attendance.

Classification Committee:

Hank Humann, Chairman, processed twenty additional classifications, and streamlined and clarified many of the functions of the committee.

Club Publication:

Walt Monroe, hard working Editor of El Rodeo turned in an outstanding performance for the club year.

District Conference:

The largest attendance percentagewise, at the 160th Conference, was reported by Harry Ryan, Chairman, and the meeting termed a huge success.

Fellowship:

This committee, with its responsibility for the work of seven subdivisions did its usual great job, and was ably handled by Frank Le Bold. A new typewriter (donated by Roy Stone) speeded up the Registrations. Credit should also be given Homer White, Keith Chamblin, Paul Beeson, Clay Selby, Anton Delkin, Clarence Gauldin and Ed Herron. The latter were chairmen of the Sub-Committees.

Finance:

Carl Miller reported that the club operated within its budget; further, that it would disclose a surplus. Chairman Carl also announced the newly formed organization, the Los Angeles Rotary Club Foundation.

Good Samaritan:

Bob Grutzmacher and his committee continued the good work of previous years, following all sickness and hospital cases.

Historical:

Larry Koenig's Committee completed the history of the 1952-53 Rotary year.

Inter-City:

Walter Heofflin headed a fine Committee, which made five visitations, a member of our own club being the speaker of the day.

Magazine — "The Rotarian":

Bud Gorman reported definite progress in his Committees' effort to increase and stimulate interest in the "Rotarian".

President's Committee:

This important committee, headed by Durward Howes met monthly, and reported good results.

Program:

Bill McCloy handled this difficult assignment with ease. Bill and his fine group produced a well balanced group of programs. They included Liberace, Pianist; Ray D. Murphy, President of Equitable Life Assurance Society; Cardinal McIntyre; Paul G. Hoffman; Arno H. Johnson, Vice-President of J. Walter Thompson Company; Ed Sullivan, of "Toast of the Town"; H. Leslie Hoffman, of Hoffman Radio Corporation, demonstrating color television, Dr. Robert Sproul, President of University of California, Remmie Arnold, Shrine Imperial Potentate, and Honorable David M. Kennedy, Assistant to the Treasurer of the United States.

In addition a number of special project and entertainment programs were presented, including the Visa Club activities, Crippled Children, Youth Services, "A Mythical Cruise to the South Seas", with Hawaiian music, dancing and held in the Garden Court area around the Statler pool. Football and baseball meetings were held in their appropriate seasons.

Song Leaders & Accompanists:

Under Bud Bayler's supervision, this Committee functioned at its musical best, and good leadership and accompaniment were a part of every meeting.

Recreation Activities:

Bowling started with "warm-up-night" on September 21, and continued on Monday nights until May. Bob Alexander, Chairman, reported the season a huge success and climaxed the season with the Bowling Ball at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. One hundred and sixty Rotarians and wives attended. The season was also a financial success, a total of \$40 being turned over to the next committee.

The Camera Club, gaining in popularity with Club members, finished a fine season in June, with Bud Landers winning top photographic honors. Chairman Jack Clubb turned in his gavel amid enthused appreciation for his efforts, which included the never-to-be-forgotten trip to Catalina.

Golf continued as the major sport of the Club, and Jim Morgan, Chairman, turned in one of the big jobs of the year. This function, with its various Sub-Committees is a real project and Jim and his workers deserve a large amount of unstinted praise. Highlight of

the season, of course was the Nineteenth Annual Honeymoon Party at Palm Springs. Approximately 111 couples enjoyed the gala event. The 389th consecutive outing took place in June—an all time high in golf!

The Rod and Gun Committee, Wally Jones, Chairman, reported two ocean fishing trips, and a Skeet and Trap Shoot at Chatsworth. This Committee fulfilled its objective—fun for those in the Club interested in this type of recreation.

Roster:

Paul Walker, with the help of his Committee men had the Roster in our possession early in the year. His suggestions for a change in format were appreciated.

Rotary Information:

Bill Henley inaugurated three meetings, beginning with what he termed "Rotary College", where the Rotary "facts of life" were presented to new members. Lots of credit due this Committee for its work.

Round Table:

In the capable hands of Guy Morrill, improvements in our Round Table Room were noticeable.

Speaker's Bureau:

The Speaker's Bureau Committee deserves real acclaim for the help furnished other Clubs finding themselves without a speaker at the last minute. Ken Wadsworth's group furnished seven emergency speakers to neighboring clubs, and maybe that wasn't appreciated!

Spiritual Emphasis:

Cal Gahagen, Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Chairman of the S. E. Committee, continued the direction of our invocations, an outstanding part of every program.

Community Service Committee:

Darrell J. (Bogie) Bogardus, Sr., headed this all-important Committee. Nine individual projects were thoroughly investigated during the year by Committeemen, and after full discussion, the projects were awarded substantial amounts. Those projects were as follows:

All Nations Foundation
Boy Scouts

Crippled Children
Goodwill Industries
Milk Fund
Salvation Army — Camp and Recreation
Salvation Army — Christmas Baskets
Y.M.C.A.
Watson — Bockman Library

International Service:

Ray Dress conducted numerous meetings in connection with the activities of this Committee which was extremely active. Their main function was the promotion of better international understanding. This they accomplished in a number of ways — active solicitation by mail — personal assistance and greetings to visitors from overseas, letters of welcome to new overseas clubs, essay contest, an international golf tournament, and many other methods of improving our relationship on an international basis. The Committee was a success.

Visa:

Four major meetings by Dick Johnson and his large committee and the result was apparent at many Friday meetings where sponsored students appeared with fair regularity, considering conflicts with classes, and other reasons. Tours and entertainment were provided also, and it is certain that a good impression of our country will be retained by these students on return to their homeland.

Vocational Service:

Bert Toevs' Committee sponsored numerous speakers during the year on behalf of his project. The promotion of high ethical standards in business is an important subject and was well supported by the Committee.

The year was not without its sadness as Dr. Louis Evans resigned because of a transfer to other areas. The Board of Directors promptly voted him an Honorary Membership, and we are happy to see "Louie" on occasion.

June 25 saw the end of the Win Miller dynasty, and on this day that master demoter, Jim Shelton, deftly removed a crown that sat jauntly and efficiently on the head of a P.P. long to be remembered.

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LARS OTT

On June 25, 1954, Commander William M. McCloy, of the United States Navy Reserve and District Manager for the General Appraisal Co., was piped aboard with the proper 21-gun salute, by Past-President and Rear Admiral James E. Shelton (Retired), amid the pomp and ceremony which always accompanies the weighing of anchor and the sailing of a new Rotary Administration.

Commander Bill served the United States Naval Forces admirably during the Second World War, and brought his calm, cool and calculating ability into the presiding officer's position when he assumed the Presidency of the Club.

Needless to say, Bill skippered the Club very effectively and efficiently during his entire Administration, and probably one of the outstanding attributes of Bill's Administration was the fact that, because of his background, he was able to cope with every problem, and because of this Bill will always be held in the minds of his fellow Rotarians as one of the finest Presidents ever to preside over the Los Angeles Club.

At the start of the year President Bill indicated he had no particular pet project in mind, other than a general improvement of all Club activities, and to this end he worked hard and diligently. As you have probably read in the preceding pages, various Presidents were noted for outstanding contributions in some particular activity, but in summing up the Administration of President Bill McCloy, it can well be said that Bill's ability to obtain the close cooperation of all committee



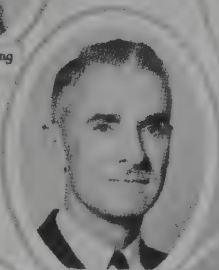
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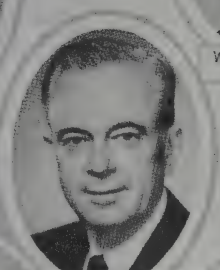
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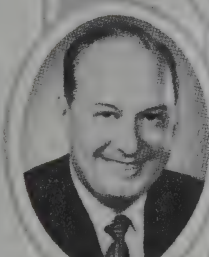
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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Seated, left to right are, Louis G. Guernsey, (1932-33), William P. Schlosser (1912), Sylvester L. Weaver (1915-16), Carl E. Rosenberg (1917-18), Kenneth B. Kirk (1952-53), William R. Kilgore (1928-29), Robert A. Heffner (1931-32), George E. Montgomery (1933-34), Samuel E. Gates (1935-36), Joseph A. Hartley (1937-38), and Lawrence S. Koenig (1942-43).

Standing, left to right are, William M. McCloy (1954-55), C. P. MacGregor (1949-50), George E. Worster (1941-42), Harry G. Haake (1940-41), Robert J. Cannon (1948-49), Carl P. Miller (1945-46), Geoffrey C. Holly (1943-44), Durward Howes (1951-52), Roger W. Truesdail (1946-47), Paul W. Easton (1950-51), J. Winthrop Miller (1953-54) and W. W. Touchstone (1947-48).

PAST PRESIDENTS OF CLUB NO. 5 AT ROTARY'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR PROGRAM

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chairmen resulted in a general improvement of the Club in almost every one of the major committee activities.

By carefully selecting committee chairmen, Bill was able to realize many accomplishments during his Administration, through outstanding committee activities.

It seems hardly fair to mention several of these activities without slighting others, and yet, undeniably, there were several whose performance should certainly be recorded in this document.

Probably one of the most outstanding jobs ever accomplished in this Club, or any Club of our size, was the accomplishment of the Attendance Committee, under the able chairmanship of Harold H. Merryman. Three-hundred and eight members had 100% attendance every week for the first thirty-nine weeks of Rotary's Golden Anniversary Year. To these three-hundred and eight particularly, and to all of our other members who tried to keep their attendance at a high average, must go the credit for breaking all attendance records in Club Five, and maintaining our Club at the head of all Class A Clubs in the country. Naturally, inspiration for this fine record came from President Bill, who set our goal for the year at 95%. Forty-one members worked on the Committee every week, each one responsible for the attendance of approximately twelve members. No story of attendance accomplishments could be written without bringing special mention again to the work of Hal Merryman and his very able assistant, John Inwood, of the Western Union Co.

Another outstanding committee accomplishment for the year was made by the Camera Club, under the able leadership of Dick Whittington. Needless to say, Dick devoted a great deal of time and energy in arranging twelve of the most interesting meetings that the Camera Club has ever sponsored. Among such meetings were: The Mystery Trip, which took the members through the MGM Studios on a privately-conducted tour; Along the Coast of California, for interesting scenery shots, and a very wonderful conclusion at the Oceanpark Pier Fun Zone in the evening; A Weekend Trip to Catalina Island, in which all members traveled to and from this Island of Paradise on boats supplied by members of our own Club. Approximately forty-five members made this overnight trip.

A new high was reached, through the courtesy of our members, Al Bone, American Airlines, Jack Long, United Air Lines, Syd Smith,

Pan American World Airways, when the facilities of the Los Angeles International Airport were thrown open. Helicopter rides as "door prizes" and a two hour flight over Southern California in a luxurious American Airlines DC-7 plane for the entire Camera Club were really highlights of the year.

Other meetings included such tours as the Los Angeles Museum; the Los Angeles Times-Mirror; the Valentine Party held at Chet Nelson's Inglewood Country Club, which naturally included all the Rotary Anns; a visit to the Telephone Co. through the courtesy of members Dave Coale and Jim Cantlan, with a personally conducted tour through all of the tremendous detail of this great organization; and finally, one of the concluding highlights of the year was a two-day trip aboard the United States Heavy Cruiser St. Paul by five members of the Camera Club, as guests of the United States Navy.

Once again, Dick Whittington should be complimented for heading this Committee, and for promoting the very wonderful fellowship and friendship which is always fostered by these Inter-Club activities.

The weekly grind of editing the interesting EL RODEO was accomplished in outstanding style by Editor Keith Chamblin, Assistant Editors Robert Graham and Willard Gregory and a staff of nine hard working and faithful Associate Editors. Their efforts were deservedly rewarded by the Club Publications District Advisory Committee which awarded EL RODEO the Marvel Beem Award as the best Club Publication in Rotary District 160-A for the 1954-1955 year.

The year 1954-55, being our Golden Anniversary Year, the Los Angeles Club was Host Club for the District Conference, held at the Statler Hotel during the week of February 18, 1955. Henry Humann was Chairman of this Committee, and performed an outstanding job in running the District Conference Convention for two days. Here again, our President Bill handled his part in admirable style as President of the Host Club.

Another committee which came into prominence during this year was the Historical Committee, under the chairmanship of Past-President Roger W. Truesdail. Previous Historical Committees, through use of return order cards of Club Five members, had been unable to underwrite publication costs of the History. However, Chairman Rog and his Committee used a new approach. They got Board action

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to bill each member for one copy of this History, providing there were no substantial number of written protests. Not a single written objection was received and thus the cost of its publication in Rotary's Golden Anniversary Year was completely underwritten by the Board.

Roger and his Committee worked hard and long in getting the manuscript completed, in setting up specifications, obtaining bids, in the production and proof reading of this History of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles. Rog should be complimented for his contribution of personal time which brought to fruition an outstanding project which was started many years ago.

Inter-City activities were very much apparent this year under the guiding hand of Chairman Milton F. Heller, with possibly the highlight of the year being the meeting with the San Francisco Rotary Club. They visited us, bringing approximately forty-five members, and presenting an outstanding speaker and program. There were many other Inter-City meetings which were very ably handled by Milt.

The International Convention was held in Chicago, being the Fiftieth Anniversary of Rotary International, and naturally found a great many of our own Rotarians and their wives attending this outstanding event. Approximately thirty-five members attended the Convention in the Windy City. Chairman George B. Hanson headed this delegation in fine style.

The Honeymoon Party, which is an activity of the Golf Committee, under the leadership of John C. Bennett, was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara on the weekend of April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Needless to say, as always, this was one of the outstanding social events of the year, and was a very gala and festive event, with all of the trimmings supplied by such old-timers as George Worster, Cliff Revell, Ralph Cardoza, and others.

The Spiritual Emphasis Committee, under the able leadership of Chairman Fred H. Robertson, General Secretary of YMCA, received new impetus this year. This Committee was formed with the idea of lending a spiritual side to our Club, and was composed of a joint group of men representing the clergy and the lay membership.

This Committee took over the Easter program, and presented Past-District Governor Hugh M. Tiner in a very outstanding program. They

also handled the Invocations and other spiritual activities, as needed by our Club.

We were blessed by an unusual group of outstanding speakers and programs during the year, which naturally should be credited to Vice-President Ballentine "Bill" Henley. Under the heading of musical programs we had such artists as Channing Gelsin, a brilliant pianist; Phyllis Althoff, Soprano; and Miss Lucille Norman, Star of Stage, Screen and Television.

Other outstanding programs presented were, Sir Percy Claude Spender, KBE, QC, Australian Ambassador to the United States; District Governor Jack G. Gotch, Governor of District 160-A; General Ketching, General of The Salvation Army; The Honorable Norris Poulson, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles; Edgar W. Hiestand, Member of Congress; Dr. Dwayne Orton, famed Educator, and Editor of Think Magazine; Coaches Jess Hill and Red Sanders, of USC and UCLA football teams, respectively; Rotary International President Herb Taylor, of Chicago, speaking to us during the Golden Anniversary Year; The Honorable Thurston Ballard Morton, Assistant Secretary of State; Mr. Alfred C. Fuller, Chairman of the Board of the Fuller Brush Co.; Dr. Louis Hadley Evans, Minister-at-Large, Board of National Mission of the Presbyterian Church; W. C. Mullendore, Chairman of the Board of the Southern California Edison Co.; Chamber of Commerce Day, headed by our own member, Past-President Carl Miller, and President of the Chamber of Commerce during the year 1954-55, presented General Nathan Twining, Chief-of-Staff of the United States Air Force; and many other such outstanding speakers.

Many speakers from our own Club presented various craft talks, as well as interesting programs during the year. The members of our own Club who appeared at the speakers' rostrum during the year were George Worster and Tom Greiner, reporting on the International Convention in Seattle; Harold C. McClellan, speaking on Yugoslavia — East or West?; Henry Clark presented the "Previews of Progress", a dramatic, non-technical science show sponsored by the General Motors Corp.; the Vocational Service Program, under the Chairmanship of Walter Hoefflin; the Rose Bowl Program, presented by our own Junior Fifties; the Christmas Message, presented by The Very Reverend David de Lancey Scovil, Dean and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral; Howard

D. Mills, on Economic Varieties of 1955; Walter A. Schmidt spoke on the subject, "There is a Gold Mine in the Sky"; a Fiftieth Anniversary Program, presented by the Past-Presidents of our Club, which included such speakers as Durward Howes, George Worster, Paul W. Easton, Lou Guernsey, and C. P. MacGregor acting as Master of Ceremonies; Doctor Louis Evans, with a firsthand report of his activities as Minister-At-Large for the Presbyterian Church; the Crippled Childrens Program, under the Chairmanship of Richard Frank, together with Lawrence Frank and Paul Dietrich as his assistants; Past-President Robert Cannon reported on "A Loud Report from a Small Bore", or "A Report on Cannon Plugs"; and several other outstanding events, such as Baseball Day, under the Chairmanship of Cliff Revell; Invest in America Week, under the Chairmanship of William G. "Blondie" Paul; and Hobby Day, at which time various hobbies were displayed by members of our own Club.

Under the heading of new members, the Club was very active this year in securing the membership of approximately thirty-five new members, which then brought the total membership of our Club to 515 by the end of the fiscal year.

A new special committee was established this year called the GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE. Headed by Past President Paul Easton, this committee promoted and co-ordinated the many special club activities this year in commemoration of Rotary's Fiftieth Anniversary.

Records — not too many as far as statistics go, other than attendance, and yet in the hearts of the Rotarians who served with and under Bill McCloy during this year, all know that because of his dynamic ability to lead quietly and sincerely, our Rotary Club reached a new high in friendliness, understanding and good-will.

And so, on Friday, June 24, 1955, President Bill McCloy was forced to "walk the plank".

Bill's "execution" was ably accomplished by the same Rear Admiral who piped him aboard twelve months earlier; none other than James "two-gun" Shelton himself. Needless to say, Rear Admiral Shelton gave Bill the works, from border to border and coast to coast, and, as always, performed an admiral-able job.

Bill braced himself for the ordeal, and bravely came through, or should we say, bravely went under with his colors flying.

ROTARY EXTENSION

For more than two years after its organization the Los Angeles Rotary Club remained the only one in Southern California. No thought was given to extending Rotary to other cities by the Los Angeles club, and no plan that contemplated complete coverage of all of the States had as yet been set up by the office of the National Association in Chicago. The outline and organization of Districts and the direction of extension by District Governors did not come until 1915. It would seem then that some of the earlier clubs were the result of enterprising individual action, promoted by suggestions from members of other Rotary Clubs.

Rotary Club No. 33 of San Diego has the distinction of having been the second Rotary Club organized in Southern California. It received its charter from the National Association on February 5th, 1912. The actual organization date was November 2nd, and the man who is given credit for starting the Club was a Mr. Gordon M. Proudfoot.

On September 29, 1911, a telegram from San Diego was sent to Chesley Perry, reading—

"Organized a Rotary Club through the efforts of Gordon M. Proudfoot. Would like you to send information needed, also constitution to help us in this work. Please send at once, that we may have it for next meeting."

E. S. Shields

Chesley Perry then wired to Will Stephens, who was the Secretary of the Los Angeles Rotary Club at that time:

"E. S. Shields, San Diego, wires 'have organized Rotary Club. Send us all information needed'. Please investigate circumstances if possible and wire me collect if we should recognize them. We desire to have and follow your recommendation. Consult with Director Hill, if possible."

Chesley Perry

On October 4, 1911, Mr. Will Stephens wrote to Chesley Perry:

My dear Perry:

I wired you today acknowledging your telegram and stating that I had been to San Diego.

I lost no time in going down thinking that possibly their Rotary Club was doing some under-handed work. However, I found insofar as Mr. Shields was concerned, that he was O.K. and worked along right lines. I also met the temporary president of the new club, Mr. Gordon L. Gray, an attorney, and a very clean-cut looking chap.

The credit for the new club should be given to your Mr. G. M. Proudfoot who is an old friend of Mr. Shield's.

When the club joins the National Association, I think I will have to render you a bill for expenses—if in order—which amounts to \$15.64, otherwise, I will stand it myself.

Will Stephens

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Records do not indicate whether any one from the Los Angeles Club attended the presentation of the charter to the San Diego Club, but the records of Rotary International give the Los Angeles Club credit for assisting in its organization.

The Rotary Club of Phoenix, Arizona, was the next to come into existence after San Diego, and this did not occur until 1914. The actual date of organization was January 5th, but due to the request of the members of the club for the number 100, the charter was not presented to them until March 1st. The files of Rotary International reveal that Roger Andrews, President of the Los Angeles Club in 1914, assisted in its organization.

During the same year Herb Warden, then secretary of the Los Angeles Club, after a visit to Long Beach, wrote to the International office at Chicago and expressed the opinion that the city of Long Beach was ready for Rotary. Nothing further was done about it at that time.

In the early summer of 1917 Granville Savage, a New York Rotarian visited Long Beach, and called on Edward J. Steinke and asked his aid in organizing a Rotary Club. A few days later Rotarian Savage and seven Long Beach business men met for luncheon at the Hotel Virginia to discuss plans for organization. On August 3rd, when application was made for affiliation with the International Association, the Club listed fifteen as charter members. The charter granted was dated November 1st, 1917 and was signed by E. Leslie Pidgeon, International President. It was numbered 334, and was presented to the Club by District Governor Dewey Powell at a meeting on Wednesday noon, December 12th, 1917 at the Hotel Virginia. Carl E. Rosenberg, President of the Los Angeles Club was present and presented the new Club with a gavel.

During the following year, Rotary Club No. 351 of Santa Barbara was the only club to be sponsored by Los Angeles. J. W. Briscoe was the special representative and the organization date was January 1st, 1918.

In 1919, Charles H. (Burnie) Burnett was the special representative in the organization of the Rotary Club of San Bernardino, (Number 483) under date of June 1st.

ROTARY EXTENSION

Other Clubs sponsored by Los Angeles, with the date of organization and their sponsors are:

RIVERSIDE	No. 633	March 1st, 1920	Charles H. Burnett
PASADENA	No. 724	May 1st, 1920	Leo S. Chandler
POMONA	No. 713	May 1st, 1921	Charles H. Burnett
GLENDALE	No. 1083	February 1st, 1922	Elliot B. Wyman
SANTA MONICA	No. 1086	February 1st, 1922	Elliot B. Wyman
WHITTIER	No. 1267	October 17th, 1922	Elliot B. Wyman
ALHAMBRA	No. 1744	May 5th, 1924	William E. Burke
DOWNEY	No. 1774	May 19th, 1924	William J. Currer
BEVERLY HILLS	No. 1850	December 4th, 1924	Eugene M. Tilden
REDONDO BEACH	No. 1864	December 22nd, 1924	Eugene M. Tilden
HOLLYWOOD	No. 1970	March 28th, 1925	Eugene M. Tilden
WILSHIRE OF L.A.	No. 2412	June 9th, 1932	Martin S. Hauser

No further clubs were sponsored by Los Angeles after 1925, with the exception of the Wilshire Club. Many others have of course been organized in Southern California since that year but they have been sponsored by Clubs other than Los Angeles. This has been governed mostly by geographic locations.

The first Club to be organized within the territory controlled by another was the Rotary Club of San Pedro. It was not sponsored by Los Angeles but was the result of the efforts of Walter Shaw, Ed Steinke and Tom Miller, all of Long Beach. These men organized the San Pedro Club in 1921. It was operated as a Rotary Club, but without a charter until the International Convention held in Los Angeles in 1922.

At that time the By-Laws of Rotary International did not provide for more than one Club in any city, regardless of size. This had been overlooked by the Long Beach Rotarians who had organized the Club at San Pedro, which although over twenty miles distant had recently been annexed to the City of Los Angeles.

The District Conference of the twenty-third district was held in San Francisco in that year, just prior to the International Convention held in Los Angeles. Twenty-three members of the San Pedro Club attended this conference, each wearing an arm band bearing the name "San Pedro". This was done to impress the delegates to the Conference that the group from San Pedro had a deep interest in Rotary. A resolution was adopted by the conference asking that the by-laws of the International Association be changed or amended in some way to provide for the granting of a charter to the Rotary Club of San Pedro.

At this conference, John R. (Jack) Williams of Long Beach was elected District Governor of the twenty-third district (changed to the Second District at the International Convention the following month). Because his own club of Long Beach had sponsored and organized San Pedro, and also because of his own conviction that San Pedro should have a Rotary Club, governor-elect Williams took the initiative in pressing the matter before the convention. He was very ably assisted by Charles Henderson, a past president of the Long Beach Club.

The chairman of the Resolution Committee of the Convention was Charles William Baily. Tom J. Davis of Butte, Montana, retiring District Governor of the Inter-mountain District consisting of Montana, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, and later President of Rotary International, was a member of the committee. The matter of a charter for San Pedro was presented to the committee on the first day of its sessions, and it continued to be before that body until its work was completed.

The majority of this group were not in sympathy with the idea of having two Rotary Clubs within the limits of any city regardless of the circumstances. They were supported in this stand by the delegates from other large cities. Jack Williams, Charley Henderson and a number of others appeared before the committee, arguing in favor of granting the San Pedro Club a charter. Tom Davis also presented arguments supporting Williams and Henderson, and Los Angeles went on record as favoring a club at the harbor city.

The result of the debate lasting more than three days, was a vote to draft a resolution to submit a constitutional amendment to the delegates at the convention session and which would authorize any city with a population of more than one million, to, at their own wish, have more than one Rotary Club.

This resolution was adopted on the floor of the convention, and it meant that the efforts of District Governor Williams and Charley Henderson had apparently been of no avail as the population of Los Angeles was then less than a million. They refused to admit defeat however, and at the suggestion of International President Crawford McCullough, they carried their fight to the floor of the convention. Jack Williams, always a good speaker, declared to the delegates from the

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convention floor that "While Los Angeles did not now have a population of one million, it soon would surpass that number". This brought forth much laughter and many good-natured remarks, but this appeal had won the sympathy of the majority and a special convention resolution was adopted granting a charter to the Rotary Club of San Pedro.

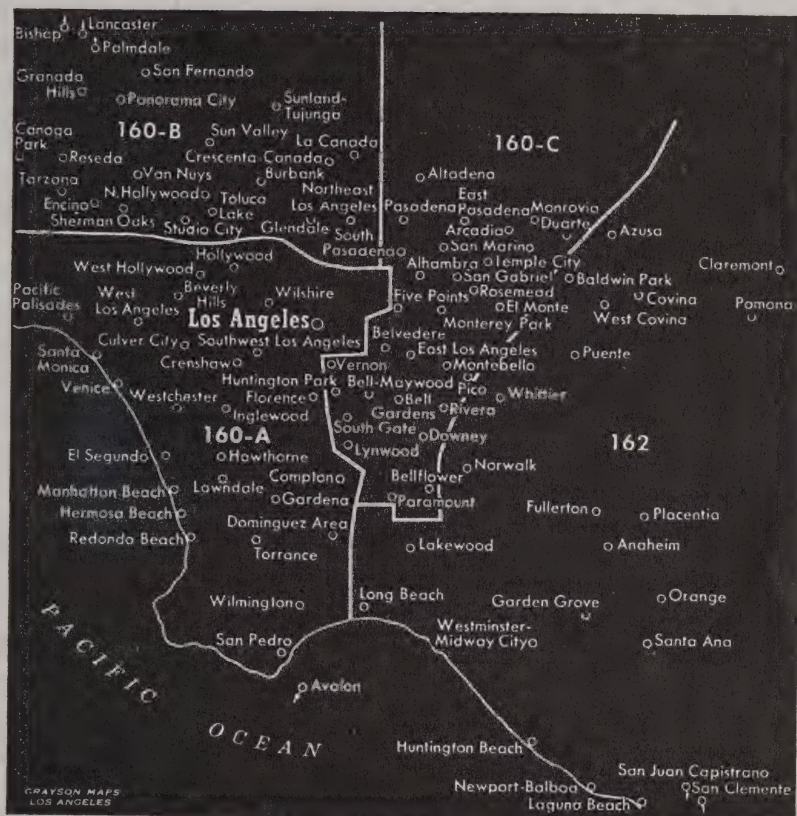
The Hollywood Rotary Club was the next to be organized within the territorial limits of Los Angeles. It was sponsored by Los Angeles, with Eugene Tilden as the special representative, and the charter was presented by Harry Mason, then District Governor, in March, 1925. Although Los Angeles then had not officially reached the required population of one million people, the Board of Directors of Rotary International passed a resolution granting the charter to Hollywood.

At the Convention of Rotary International held in Seattle in 1932, a constitutional amendment was adopted which eliminated the provision that required a city to have a population of more than a million people before territorial rights could be granted for more than one Club.

Because of the wide area covered by the City of Los Angeles, and the many separate small business districts within the city limits, the Los Angeles Club adopted a generous attitude toward the organization of clubs in the outlying communities. Following is a list of all clubs within the territorial limits originally controlled by Club Number Five, and the year they were organized:

San Pedro	1922	Lancaster	1948
Hollywood	1925	Belvedere	1948
Van Nuys	1925	Reseda	1949
North Hollywood	1926	Granada Hills	1949
Wilmington	1928	Westchester	1950
West Hollywood	1928	Palmdale	1950
West Los Angeles	1929	Manhattan Beach	1950
Culver City	1929	Toluca Lake	1951
San Fernando	1929	Lawndale	1952
Vernon	1929	Pico	1952
Wilshire	1932	Encino	1952
Roscoe	1937	Rivera	1952
Southwest Los Angeles	1938	El Segundo	1952
Studio City	1938	Duarte	1952
Sunland-Tujunga	1938	Panorama City	1952
Venice	1942	Henderson, Nev.	1952
Northeast Los Angeles	1945	Artesia	1954
Dominguez Area	1948	La Canada	1954
Canoga Park	1948	Rosemead	1954
Alondra Park	1948	Five Points	1954

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Districts 160-A, 160-B, 160-C and 162 in the Golden Anniversary Year.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

It has been said many times that the keystone of Rotary is fellowship, and if one were to review the various activities that contribute to friendly fellowship in the Los Angeles Club he could but agree to the truth of that statement. From the start of Rotary in Chicago the pleasure of gathering together at short informal meetings was the dominant feature that caused Rotary Club Number One to grow.

In the early days of Rotary in Los Angeles when the principal object of meeting was the exchange of business, fellowship crept in and so strengthened the bond between the club members, that when the ideal of service supplanted the exchange of business, the predominating feeling of the membership was that the fine atmosphere of friendship should not be marred by any selfish motives. And as Rotary grew in the ideals of service, fellowship automatically kept pace with the expansion.

From the luncheon meeting of the early days when the club was relatively small, fellowship activities had their start. The first idea of an activity aside from the weekly meetings was a Round Table where the members could meet informally for luncheon. This was to be followed in later years by golf, bowling, baseball, fishing and other diversions. Some of these activities did not long continue but the Round Table has remained, bowling continued to attract a growing number, and the Golf Committee has become one of the largest committees of club service.

Within recent years, several new and vigorous fellowship activities have been organized. The Junior 50 Committee, the Camera Club Committee and the Rod and Gun Committee now fill their respective niches in Club Service.

THE ROUND TABLE

The start of the Round Table dates back to October 22nd, 1913, when "Opportunities" of that date carried the information that several members were meeting for lunch at the Bristol Cafe, where the proprietor, Rotarian William Schneider, had reserved one table for Rotarians for every day except Friday. Subsequent issues of "Opportunities" carried items about the Round Table and urged members to attend. Apparently this first effort to establish a Round Table was not successful, for publicity regarding it did not long continue.

During his year as President in 1920, Hugo Burgwald endeavored to revive the "Round Table" and had reserved for it a table in the Indian Room of the Alexandria Hotel. Poor attendance did not justify its continuance, and it again had to be abandoned.

During May of the following year the idea was again brought forth, and John Gage, then president of the Pig 'n Whistle, set aside a room for a Round Table in their restaurant on Broadway near Seventh Street, and from the opening day success was assured. Later in the year President Will Stephens appointed a Round Table Committee and Paul Pape, termed a "regular Round Table hound", began reporting the daily happenings in El Rodeo. Each week attendance increased and the Round Table then became a very important fellowship activity.

During this year a Round Table was also established at the Jonathan Club, then located on the two top floors of the Pacific Electric Building at Sixth and Main Streets. This table was attended by Rotarians who were members of the Jonathan Club. It was very well attended until the club moved to the new Jonathan Club building at Sixth and Figueroa Streets, when attendance dropped to such an extent that this table was discontinued.

The Round Table at the Pig 'n Whistle continued to be very popular until it was suddenly moved by the management to a smaller room on the mezzanine floor. This room was unsatisfactory, and shortly thereafter a move was made to a room in the Hayward Hotel, donated for the purpose by Rotarian Harry Fryman. The Pig 'n Whistle continued to serve the meals and the two waitresses, who had been in attendance at the Round Table for a long time, continued to serve the meals.

The quarters at the Hayward Hotel were not entirely satisfactory and the next move was back to the Alexandria Hotel, where a table was set aside in the main dining room just south of the lobby. Attendance at the Round Table at this location continued to be good until the Hotel closed its doors in February, 1934.

Rotarian Jes Louis had for some time talked to various club members about obtaining a room in the Biltmore Hotel, where the Round Table could be located, and where space would be adequate for bridge and dominoes and to entertain their friends on occasions. His plan provided for the sharing of the expense by those who would use the quarters. He enlisted the support of a sufficient number of Rotarians to put this plan into effect soon after the closing of the Alexandria Hotel. The quarters obtained in the Biltmore consisted of a large room on the lower floor, and although the room opened on the Arcade, a more private entrance through the bar was the one always used.

The Board of Directors felt that the financing of the very excellent quarters by a few of the members might result in keeping many Rotarians from attending the Round Table and on February 10th, 1934, they passed a resolution to assume all of the expense of the new quarters, thus making it available to all of the membership.

In 1937 the management of the Biltmore Hotel advised the Rotary Club of their plans of remodeling that portion of the floor where the Arcade was located in order to install a large popular priced coffee shop. This resulted in the moving of the Round Table to the quarters now occupied in Conference Room No. 10 located on the Mezzanine floor. This last move was made in April, 1937.

What is the Round Table? It's a misnomer now. We gather at square or oblong tables to relax at the noon hour — 11:30 to 2:30 every Monday through Thursday and after the regular Friday meetings. Some members like to play Dominoes — some Bridge and some just kibitz while enjoying either a sandwich and a glass of milk or a complete lunch.

The prime objectives of the Round Table Room are relaxation and fellowship. Serious thoughts are taboo. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome. Honorary Member Frank Hinkley of Buffalo is our most valued member in this category but contrary to the belief of some visitors, attendance for a regular meeting cannot be made up here.

Some of the "old timers" who still attend are Joe Knapp, Dave Roth, Ward Gillespie, Jeff Holly, Gus Bauman, Jim Yankie, Steve Quinby, Norman McKee, By Dawson and Brad Bradford. Other regular attenders are Walt Skeoch, By Badham, Jimmy Bockman, Frank Beeson, Bob Bauer, Jack Quenell, Nels Collett and Ernie Soister.

How many members reading this recall former chairmen and regular attenders at the Round Table who have left our Club? Augie Johnson, Du Hirsch, Art Care, Horace Dunbar (inventor of the "Murphy System" of Bridge), Gil Stancliff, Bill Porter, Earl Carpenter, Bill Knighten, Ray Curtis and Art Pratt.

Death has taken a heavy toll in past years and we register with regret the passing of such wonderful fellows as Jess Louis, Larry Cline, Earl Markee, George White, Art Rebard, Ed Williams, Clyde Early, John French, Art McCord, Bob Carlock, John Newell, Harry Wyatt, Fred Hooper, Pat Groesbeck, Al Sears, John Gage, Dick Smith, Bill Williams, Jim Colkitt, Art Lynch, Jim Barlotti, Ed Lewis and Harry Watson.

You may remember "Reta" and "Lena" who served us so efficiently at John Gage's Pig 'n Whistle years ago; "Millie" at Harry Fryman's Hayward Hotel and at the Biltmore where Art Romero was "Millie's right hand."

After 19 years at Charlie Baad's hostelry, we transferred our affections to the Statler in 1952, our present location where our own member, Jack Meacham, can always be counted on to go "all out" for service to our Round Table.

The Round Table Room, in addition to being the headquarters for Directors and Committee meetings, has also provided, down through the years, a splendid reception room when clubs from other cities have joined us in inter-city meetings.

GOLF

Details of the early golf activities of the Los Angeles Rotary Club were not made a part of the club records, and aside from announcements of tournaments to be held appearing from time to time, seldom was any publicity given to the results of the play. The first appointment of a Golf Committee occurred during the administration of Hugo Burgwald, in 1920. There is record of only one tournament during this Rotary year, an account of which appeared in *El Rodeo* of January 7, 1921, although the tournament was played in November of the previous year. The reason for this delay was that during that period, *El Rodeo* was published only once every three months.

The tournament described was played at the Hollywood Country Club with twenty-four members qualifying for play. Leo Starr won the low gross, Bob Paulson the trophy, and Leo Chandler tied with Layton Greenwood for the Blind Bogey prize donated by Andy Bauer. The toss of a coin gave the prize to Leo.

A championship flight was started with this tournament during which Leo Starr defeated Carman Smith; Harry Minor won over Ray Curtiss; Leo Chandler downed Layton Greenwood, and George Eastman came out best in his match with Billy Clack. The final playoff later was a match between Harry Minor and the winner of the game between Leo Chandler and George Eastman. Other Rotarians who were given publicity in connection with this historic first tournament were Carl Gordon, Irving Turck, Jim Warrick, Charlie Carver, Ray Edwards, Myer Siegel, Jeff Ruddy, Sylvester Weaver, Tony Babb, Fred Golding, and Jim Colkitt.

In the following year, President Will Stephens appointed a Golf Committee consisting of Norman MacBeth, Chairman, Harry Minor, Leo Chandler, George Eastman, Leo Starr, Jim Colkitt, Tony Babb and Carman Smith. This committee, in addition to arranging tournaments for the members of the Los Angeles club, provided golf facilities and arranged foursomes for the delegates attending the 1922 convention of Rotary International held in Los Angeles that year.

The following year, President Harry Harper appointed Cliff Hine as chairman of the Golf Committee, and although this was a successful golf year and several tournaments were held, the only one of record,

was that played at Griffith Park, and attended by nineteen members of the club.

Harry Lawson was chairman of the committee in the year 1923-24. The first tournament was played at the Western Avenue golf course. Records show that Lawrence Frank donated eight chickens for dinner prizes. Other tournaments of record were held at Brentwood, Griffith Park and Hollywood.

The following year President Horace Dunbar appointed J. A. (Pat) Patterson as chairman, with Harry Unger as Vice-Chairman. Tournaments were held at Flintridge, Hillcrest, Brentwood, California Country Club, Palos Verdes, San Gabriel and Griffith Park. One tournament was held at the Virginia Country Club in Long Beach in connection with an inter-city meeting with the Long Beach Rotary Club.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 1925-26 were Fred Golding and Harry Lawson. The first tournament of this year was held at the California Country Club, with an attendance of sixty, breaking all records up to that time. This is the first tournament of record where a fee of five dollars was charged to cover green fees, prizes and dinner. No mention has been made heretofore of an evening dinner after a tournament. Six additional tournaments were held at the California Country Club during the year, with one each being held at Wilshire and San Gabriel.

The year 1926-27 found Pat Patterson again the Committee Chairman. Eleven tournaments were held, with a total attendance for the year of three hundred and seventy-six, an average of thirty-four for each tournament. This year, California Country Club was played three times, El Caballero twice, with one at each of the following: Hillcrest, Annandale, Potrero, San Gabriel, Lakeside and the Los Angeles Country Club.

Marty Houseman was head of the committee in 1927-28. Tournaments were held at California Country Club, Palos Verdes, Brentwood, Riviera, Sunset Fields and Virginia Country Club.

In 1928-29, the chairman was Weller Noble. Twelve tournaments were held, with an average attendance of thirty-six. No records were kept as to the locale of tournaments.

George Montgomery was chairman in 1929-30; Joe Jefferies was vice-chairman. The average attendance for golf was sixty, with an average of thirty-five for dinner.

For the year 1930-31, no records were kept as to where tournaments were held, or the number of them played.

Wallace Jones and Fred Moon were chairman and vice-chairman in 1931-32. Twelve tournaments were played, on ten different courses—Potrero, Fox Hills, California, Lakeside, Hollywood, San Gabriel, Flintridge, Oakmont, Brentwood and Rancho.

In 1932-33, Fred Moon moved up to the chairmanship with Chet Nelson as his chief assistant. Fred inaugurated the system of keeping individual scores as a basis for handicapping, which system is still in use. In addition to eight tournaments being played locally, Fred arranged for an inter-city meet with the San Francisco Rotary Club which was held at Del Monte, and one with the San Diego Club at Agua Caliente, Mexico. The meeting at Del Monte was held in September, and in May of the following year, San Francisco returned the visit for competitive play with the Los Angeles Rotarians at San Gabriel. Golf clubs played this year, in addition to San Gabriel, were Flintridge, Potrero, California twice, Rancho, Hollywood and Brentwood.

In 1933-34, the very able chairman was Chet Nelson; the vice-chairman, Jimmie Pierce. For the first time, the Board of Directors of the club granted the golf committee a budget of \$100.00. Twelve home tournaments were played at California, Palos Verdes, Riviera, Lakeside, Oakmont, Hollywood, Brentwood, Potrero, Hillcrest, and two at Wilshire, where the final tournament was held, and which was followed by a dinner and a fine entertainment. In addition, one inter-city tournament was held at San Diego with the San Diego Rotarians in May.

The February tournament at Hollywood was a competitive meet with the Los Angeles Kiwanis Club, with Rotary winning the trophy. The October tournament at Wilshire with George Worster as chairman of the day, was featured by the serving of beer on the fifth and sixteenth tees. The beer was donated by George. Attendance for the twelve tournaments for golf ranged from twenty-three to ninety-one, and for dinner from twenty-two to eighty-seven.

It was during this year that Arthur Lockhart began the editing and publishing of the golf committee bulletin, "Teeing Off". Arthur served for several years as the very able editor of this publication, which successfully accomplished the purpose of stimulating interest in and attendance at the golf tournaments.

This year inaugurated the donating of trophies by the President and Vice-President of the club. The President's cup was won by Jim Pierce, and the Vice-President's cup was taken by Ed Duke. Six golf bags were awarded by the Committee for the members attending the greatest number of tournaments for the year. They were won by George Worster, Jim Pierce, Chet Nelson, Wilbur Kohler, Wallace Jones and Ned Durbin.

In 1934-35 James R. Pierce was chairman with George E. Worster as vice-chairman. Tournaments were held at California, Riviera, Oakmont, Potrero, San Gabriel and Sunset Fields. The average attendance for golf was thirty-eight. During this year the Secretary's cup was added to the President's and Vice-President's trophies. The last tournament of the year, held at the California Country Club, was made memorable by the fine entertainment furnished by Mark and Jim Pierce.

The year 1935-36 was a notable one in the history of the golf committee, with George Worster as chairman, and Wat Bockman as vice-chairman. The budget granted to the committee by the Board of Directors was raised to two hundred dollars. Additional trophies were donated by Pierce Brothers, Osmund Olsen, and George Worster.

Through the generosity of George Worster, the bulletin "Teeing Off" was issued monthly, and excellent entertainment was provided at the dinners following each afternoon of play. Average attendance increased to fifty-seven, and at the final tournament of the year held at Wilshire, the then unprecedented attendance for golf reached seventy-seven, with one hundred and seventeen attending the dinner.

The first "Honeymoon Golf Party" was held during this year at Catalina, the golfers and their wives staying two days at the Hotel St. Catherine on March 28th and 29th. This was one of the most successful social events in the history of the Los Angeles club, and it thereafter became an annual event—a famous one, indeed.

Another eventful occurrence was staged by the committee, when two of the members, Bill Muncy and Augie Johnsen furnished a twelve passenger airplane to fly a picked group of golfers to Del Monte for a competitive match with a group of San Francisco Rotarians. The trophy for the interclub play was won by Los Angeles. Courses played during this year were Bel-Air, Hillcrest, Potrero, Oakmont, San Gabriel, Riviera, Rancho, California and Wilshire.

1936-37. August Johnsen, chairman; Mason Olmstead, vice-chairman. Tournaments were held at Potrero, Riviera, Brentwood, Lakeside, Hollywood, San Gabriel and California. One inter-city tournament was played with San Diego Rotarians at San Diego, and the Second Annual Honeymoon Golf Party was held at Catalina in March. This year, in addition to the cup presented by the club officers, (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) trophies were offered by several of the club members.

In addition to these, an unusual prize, a tonsillectomy, was offered by Dr. Frank Traughber and won by Al Sears, Hugo Burgwald donated two insurance policies that were won by Frank Tittmore and Russ McCallister. George Worster sponsored the after-dinner entertainment presented at Lakeside tournament in October. This year the annual golf committee's Christmas party was held at the San Gabriel Country Club, which established a precedent that has continued until the time this is written.

"Wat" Bockman assumed the chairmanship in 1937-38 and had as his vice-chairman, Larry Koenig. Tournaments were held at Potrero for the first four months, after which games were scheduled at Altadena, San Gabriel, Rancho, Flintridge, Brentwood and Wilshire. Two inter-city meetings were held with San Francisco, (the first in San Francisco and the second in Los Angeles) and golf featured as the principal entertainment in each of the visits. An inter-city golf tournament was again played with the San Diego Rotarians at San Diego, and a very successful third annual Honeymoon Party was held at Catalina. The annual Christmas and evening party was held at San Gabriel.

In 1938-39 Larry Koenig advanced to the chairmanship, with Osmond Olsen as vice-chairman. Recognition of golf as a most excellent fellowship activity was given by the Board of Directors of the club, by advancing the budget allowance from two hundred dollars, which had been the standard amount for several years, to four hundred dollars.

Tournaments were held at Rancho, Brentwood, Potrero, Flintridge, California, San Gabriel, Riviera, and Wilshire. Excellent attendance featured all twelve tournaments. The annual Honeymoon Party held at Catalina in March, broke all records for attendance at this event, with one hundred and forty-five Rotarians and their ladies present.

The annual Christmas tournament at San Gabriel ran into some very wet weather, but in spite of this, forty-four golf enthusiasts played through the rain. The dinner and evening entertainment was attended by one hundred and fifty-three.

Succeeding Larry Koenig as chairman in 1939-40, came Osmund Olsen, with Darrel J. (Bogie) Bogardus as vice-chairman. The budget allowance for the year was again set at four hundred dollars. Tournaments were played at Potrero, California, Riviera, Annandale, Midwick, San Gabriel, Flintridge, Oakmont, and Wilshire. An inter-city tournament was played with the San Francisco Rotarians at San Francisco, with the Los Angeles golfers winning the trophies. Two inter-city meetings featuring golf were held with the San Diego club, one at San Diego and one at Los Angeles.

The fifth annual Honeymoon Golf Party was held at Catalina with an attendance of one hundred and fifty-two, establishing a new record. An important feature of this Party was the awarding of two hundred and forty-two lovely prizes. It was called "The prize event of all golf committee history". The annual June tournament, the final of the year, was held at Wilshire, with eighty-three playing golf and one hundred and forty-seven present for dinner. At this dinner, the trophies donated by the officers of the club, and by many of the members, were awarded. A very successful Christmas tournament and evening party was again held at San Gabriel.

Darrel J. Bogardus was chairman in 1940-41, and Berry Kirchoffer was vice-chairman. The activities of the golf committee had, in the past few years, shown a constant growth, with attendance increasing in each new administration. The committee had been enlarged proportionately, and this year sub-committees were formed for the more efficient handling of the tournaments and the dinners and evening entertainments. These sub-committees were listed as Advisory, Prizes, Handicap, Courses and Scores, Program and Greeters.

The members annual outing, the "Rodeo" which had been held at the Uplifters Ranch for many years, was discontinued this year. The budget of four hundred dollars usually allowed for the outing, was added to that of the golf committee, giving them a total of eight hundred dollars.

Tournaments were played at Potrero, Brentwood, California, Annandale, San Gabriel, Flintridge and Wilshire. These were in addition to

the sixth annual Honeymoon Golf Outing, which again was one of the highlights of the year. At six of the tournaments, horseshoe pitching, a new feature, was provided for the non-golfers. Prizes were awarded for this play.

At the annual Christmas party at San Gabriel, there occurred a very humorous accident, that has become known as "The historic tree episode". Carman Smith, seeking a baldheaded row seat on the floor beside the huge and beautifully decorated Christmas tree, was suddenly booted forward by a mischievous Rotarian's foot, with the result that the bedecked tree crashed across the Grand Piano, with Carman entangled amid the branches and decorations. This occurred during the entertainment, and while a soloist was rendering the beautiful song "Trees". Rotarian Dick Wilcox described this accident in a classic poem that has since become a part of Rotary history.

TREES

Dedicated to A. Carman Smith

I hope that I shall never see
 Another falling Christmas tree;
 A tree who's hungry mouth is pressed
 Against my bald and shining crest.
 If 'neath its boughs I chanced to sprawl
 Why did that damn thing have to fall?
 A tree of which I made a wreck,
 Its limbs entwined around my neck,
 With tinsel draped around each ear,
 And broken glass that pricked my rear.
 When all this happened, tell me please,
 Just why was that guy singing "Trees"?

The April tournament played at San Gabriel, also featured inter-club competition among all clubs of district 107, the Sam Gates trophy being the coveted prize. It was won by George Worster and Jim Pierce, representing the Los Angeles club. This year of golf saw, perhaps, the distribution of more prizes and trophies than any year at that time. Headed by those of the officers of the club, the list of donors ran through the golf committee, and many members of the club, too numerous to list.

The year 1941-42 saw further progress made in the popularity of the monthly golf tournaments, under Paul Kirk as chairman, and Gardner Pond, vice-chairman. Tournaments were played at Brentwood, Potrero, Riviera, Oakmont, San Gabriel, Annandale, Southern California (formerly Midwick) and Wilshire. Attendance rose to a new high, with an average of sixty-four for golf, and ninety-nine for dinner.

The annual Honeymoon golf outing, moved this year to the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel because of war conditions, surpassed in attendance any previously held, with a total of two hundred and forty-one registrations. The annual sports golf outing was held at Oakmont during October, and the Annual Christmas party was again held at San Gabriel.

In 1942-43 John French was chairman and El Thrapp vice-chairman. Twelve tournaments were held with attendance for golf averaging sixty-five, and the average dinner attendance one hundred and twenty-seven. The high in attendance for golf was one hundred and seven in April, and the peak for dinner was two hundred and fifty-seven. These figures set new records for attendance, in spite of the difficulties of war-time transportation and the difficulty of obtaining golf courses with facilities for procuring and serving food for lunches and dinners for so many participants.

It was John French's idea that with a budget of eight hundred dollars, an attempt should be made to interest a greater number of the club members in attending the monthly golf dinners, even though they did not all wish to play golf. To accomplish this, specially planned entertainment features, composed of talent picked from the club membership, supplemented the several evening shows presented by professional entertainers. The programs presented by Los Angeles Rotarians were:

In February, at San Gabriel, the minstrel show directed by Lyn Pickler with Henry Burgeson as Musical Director, made a tremendous hit. Included in the cast were Bob Carlock, Herman Miller, Bill Henley, Al Case, Ed Lunn, George Silver, Al Warr, Weath Touchstone, Ed Emmons and Fred Reed. The District Governor was so pleased with this show he requested its presentation at the District Conference in May. In June, again at San Gabriel, the same talent presented a performance under the title of "The Gay Nineties". The St. Patrick's Day dinner dance, arranged as a substitute for the Honeymoon Golf Party,

was held at the Oakmont Country Club in March. This event featured a variety show that would have been a credit to Earl Carroll.

Several innovations in golf play were introduced, including the Ringer Tournament at Wilshire in January, and the Flag Tournament at San Gabriel in April. Another feature at the April tournament was the competition between clubs of the District for the Sam Gates trophy. Although the Los Angeles club team composed of Jim Pierce and Frank Sheldon finished first, the trophy was awarded to Vernon as second place winners, for the rules provided that this trophy could not be held two years by the same club. In the May tournament, held at Oakmont, other competitive sports were scheduled for non-golfers. This included horseshoe pitching, and a baseball game between two teams picked from the club membership.

One other feature of the French administration was the change from the multigraphed bulletin "Teeing Off" to a full-fledged letter press publication known as "Tee Off". This was suggested by Carman Smith, and made possible by the cooperation of several of the golfers, who actually made the cost of publication less than the former multigraphed sheet. One purpose of the change to the new form of bulletin, was to interest a greater number of Rotarians in the monthly tournaments and dinners.

Jack Quenell was chairman in 1943-44, and had as his vice-chairman, Carl Miller. Twelve tournaments were again held, and because of the difficulties of transportation, six were held at Inglewood (formerly Potrero), four at Oakmont, with one each at Riviera and San Gabriel. The Calcutta tournament, initiated the previous year, was continued, with the playoff being held at Inglewood in September. On this day sixty registered for golf, and eighty were present at a dinner of elk meat, which was furnished by Rotarians Frank Sheldon and Chet Nelson.

The annual Christmas golf party was held at San Gabriel, according to tradition. The attendance at this meeting was for golf, seventy-one, and one hundred and forty-four were present for dinner. The February meeting featured a Past-Presidents' program in the evening with Lou Guernsey acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The ninth annual Honeymoon Party was held at Oakmont in March with fifty-two participating in golf, and a record number of three hundred and ten for dinner, of whom one hundred and twelve were guests.

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John Gorman and Jim Bockman donated fifty-eight dinner prizes for the ladies, and George Worster, chairman of the day, furnished the floor show.

The annual play for the Sam Gates trophy, open to competition between all of the clubs of District 107, was held at the Inglewood course in April. The Los Angeles club team, this year composed of George Worster and Jim Pierce, registered low net by a margin of sixteen strokes, but because of the rules of play governing competition for this trophy, they brought only glory to their club.

The final meeting of the year, always an important event, was played at Oakmont. It was the two hundred and seventieth monthly tournament of the Los Angeles club, a record perhaps unapproached by any other Rotary Club. Seventy-three were out for golf, with one hundred and seventy-eight for dinner. At this meeting the trophies and prizes played for during the year were distributed. These had been donated by the officers and individual members of the club, and collectively they made a very impressive array.

The evening entertainment presented at this tournament was a comedy dramatization featuring "free enterprise". The talent was picked from the membership of the club, supplemented by Pierce Brothers quartette. The show went over in a big way and was a happy climax to a very successful year.

1944 - 1945

The following are the reports on the Monthly Tournaments by administration years.

Lynne Pickler, Golf Committee Chairman

Olin Dutra, Vice-Chairman

Herman Miller, Prize Committee Chairman

George Silver, Chairman Entertainment Committee

July 18, 271st consecutive monthly Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Club. (Formerly California Country Club). 57 for golf.

August 15, 272nd consecutive monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. 46 for golf and 63 for dinner. Rotary ring with diamond inset presented to Jack Quenell for excellent job of Golf Chairman during past year.

September 19, our 273rd consecutive monthly Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club. 51 golfers present. Honoring all New Members who have joined Rotary since July 1, 1943.

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October 17 at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. 60 golfers present —85 for dinner.

November 21 at Inglewood Country Club. Selecting of ten teams for Third Annual Calcutta to be played on January 16 at Inglewood. 52 for golf and 64 for Elk steak dinner furnished by Frank Shelden and Chet Nelson.

December 19—Christmas Party at San Gabriel Country Club. 81 for golf and 104 for dinner.

January 16, our 277th consecutive monthly Golf Party at Inglewood. 66 for golf and 80 for dinner. Play-off of Calcutta won by team of Frank Shelden and Bill Porter. John French and Jim Pierce team won second money. Qualifying round for George Worster Trophy (Golf Bag and matched set of Clubs). Best low net for January-February and March three month contest.

February 20 — at Brentwood Country Club. 66 for golf and 80 for dinner. Start of Special Award for 5 Months Contest of two solid gold men's wrist watches for two-low net to be presented at June tournament. Donated by Ken Kirk.

March 20, our 10th Annual Honeymoon Party at Oakmont Country Club. One day and evening only due to war-time restrictions. 258 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and Guests attended. First Round of Play for Officers Trophies.

April 17 — our 280th consecutive Monthly Party at Inglewood. 52 for golf and 71 for dinner.

May 15 at Brentwood Country Club. Combined with District 107 Golf Tournament. 90 golfers attended. Los Angeles Club winners of Sam Gates Perpetual Trophy. Winning team — George Worster and Jim Pierce.

June 19, our final Golf Tournament of year at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. 62 for golf and 116 for dinner. Winners of Officers Trophies were:

President's Trophy won by George Montgomery
Vice-President's Trophy won by Bert Ingli
Secretary's Trophy won by Lynne Pickler
Treasurer's Trophy won by Jim Brogdon
Ken Kirk Trophies (2 wrist watches) won by
Jim Pierce and Steve Fatz

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Bob Cannon, Chairman of Golf Committee

Bert Ingli, Prize Chairman

July 17, our 283rd consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. "Dedicated to New Members Day". Start of Special Durward Howes Prize of 17 Jewel solid Gold Wrist Watch for best 8 out of 12 Games for Rotary year (low-net).

August 21 at Riviera Country Club. Bert Ingli, Chairman for Day.

September 18 at Brentwood Country Club. Preliminaries of Fourth Annual Calcutta. Four men selected from each class, A-B-C and D.

October 16 — Golf Stag Outing at Pomona Valley Country Club, Pomona. Formerly classed "The Rodeo" and dropped during war years. Weath Touchstone, Chairman of Day. Vice-Chairman — Jeff Holly, Hugo Burgwald and Keystone Sheriff "Larry Frank".

November 20, our 287th consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. Final play-off of Fourth Annual Calucutta. Total Jack-Pot to be divided — \$1,310.00. 55% to 1st and 2nd teams, 10% for 3rd team and balance 4th thru 8th teams. 74 for golf and 90 for dinner.

December 18 — Christmas Party at San Gabriel Country Club. 74 for golf and 120 for dinner. Solid Gold Wrist Watch donated by Ken Kirk won by Jim Pierce. Low-net for last five games.

January 15 at Inglewood Country Club. Start of three months George Worster Special Prize of Leather Golf Bag and set of matched clubs, to be presented at Honeymoon Party in March (low-net for three months). Start of Ken Kirk Special Prize of wrist watch for low-net best five months out of six balance of year.

February 19, our 290th consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. Qualify for Officers Trophies.

March 19 at Southern California Golf & Country Club (formerly Midwick Country Club). 39 for golf and 60 for dinner. Ned Dale and Herb Huebner were only golfers to finish 18 holes due to "Rain".

April 23 at Oakmont Country Club in conjunction with Annual District Conference Tournament. 141 golfers and 180 for dinner. Tournament won by Hollywood Team and presented Annual Sam Gates Trophy. Entertainment furnished by District Governor George Worster.

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May 3, 4 & 5 — our Eleventh Annual Honeymoon Party at Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado. 220 Rotarians, Rotaryans and guests attended. George Worster, Chairman of the Day. Excellent golf at San Diego Country Club and La Jolla Country Club.

June 25 — our final party of year at San Gabriel Country Club. Officers Trophies winners:

President's Trophy won by Jerry Stone

Vice-President's Trophy won by Jack Quenell

Secretary's Trophy won by Cliff Revell

Treasurer's Trophy won by Herb Huebner

Solid Gold Wrist Watch donated by Durward Howes won by Frank Shelden. Ken Kirk trophy won by Jerry Stone. Bob Cannon, Chairman of Day.

1946 - 1947

Ken Kirk, Golf Committee Chairman

Frank Bise, Prize Chairman

Ed Lunn, Entertainment Chairman

July 16, our 294th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Brentwood Country Club. 69 golfers and 121 for dinner.

August 20 at Inglewood Country Club. 72 for golf and 100 for dinner. Eight Rotarians from Culver City were our guests.

September 17 at Riviera Country Club. 46 for golf and 60 for dinner.

October 15, our Second "Stag Outing" since the war at Hacienda Country Club. 79 golfers and 140 for dinner. Sixteen Calcutta Teams were auctioned off by Olin Dutra for a total pool of \$3,000.00.

November 19 at Inglewood Country Club. 83 golfers and 121 for dinner. Play-off of Annual Calcutta. Winning team was Bill Massie and Steve Fatz. Owner of team was Chet Nelson who collected \$1,066.45.

December 17 — Annual Christmas Party at San Gabriel Country Club. 84 for golf and 172 for dinner. Special prize of complete set of Woods and Irons donated by George Worster won by Jim Pierce, with a net 72. The 17 Jewel Solid Gold Wrist Watch donated by Durward Howes was won by Rod Gilliam with net 74.

January 21 at Los Angeles Golf & Country Club (formerly Southern California Golf and Country Club). Start of Officers Trophy Contest and Ken Kirk Trophy for six month period.

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February 18, our 300th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Virginia Golf and Country Club, Long Beach. Art Lockhart, co-Chairman of the Day. 54 for golf and 86 for dinner.

March 18 at Inglewood County Club. Joint tournament with District 107 which included 26 Rotary Clubs. Sam Gates Perpetual Trophy won by Van Nuys Club with first low-net.

April 11, 12 and 13 was Twelfth Annual Honeymoon Party held at Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel. 237 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and guests were present. 80 golfers at beautiful Montecito Country Club. Bud Walker was winner of Special George Worster prize of fine Leather Golf Bag and matched set of Irons and Woods. Ken Kirk, Chairman of Party.

May 20 at Oakmont Country Club. 58 golfers and 62 for dinner. Frank Shelden, Chairman of the Day.

June 17 at Inglewood Country Club. "Grand Finale" for Golf Chairman Ken Kirk. Officers Trophies won by:

President's Trophy won by Forest Shannon

Vice-President's Trophy won by George Salm

Secretary's Trophy won by Ned Colburn

Treasurer's Trophy won by Sam Gibson

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Jerry Stone. Set of Golf Clubs donated by Ken Kirk won by Jerry Stone.

1947 - 1948

Jim Pierce, Golf Chairman

Forest Shannon, Prize Chairman

Herb Huebner, Chairman Honeymoon Party

July 15, our 305th consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club. 57 golfers and 66 for dinner.

August 19 at Virginia Country Club, Long Beach. 48 golfers and 54 for dinner. Art Lockhart, Co-Chairman, Joint Tournament with Long Beach Rotary Club.

September 16 — Brentwood Country Club. Drawing for 16 teams for Calcutta to be played in October. 50 for golf and 75 for dinner.

October 21 — 308th consecutive Monthly Tournament at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. 48 for golf and 63 for dinner. Play-off of Calcutta. Won by team of Frank Shelden and Ed Duke. Owner of team Chet Nelson which paid \$896.00. Total pool of Calcutta — \$2,560.00

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November 18 — Annual Stag Outing at Rancho Don Lugo, Chino. 68 for golf and 80 for dinner. 9 Golf Prizes and 6 Prizes for Horse-shoes.

December 16 — Christmas Party at San Gabriel Country Club. 82 for golf and 157 for dinner. Gold wrist watch donated by Durward Howes won by Forest Shannon with 6 months average of 72 low-net.

January 20 at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. 55 for golf and 79 for dinner. Start of Officers Trophy. Low-net in Class A-B-C & D for 6 months.

February 17 at Hacienda Country Club. 41 for golf and 48 for dinner.

March 16 is 313th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. Joint with District 107. 188 for golf and 166 for dinner. 28 teams playing for Sam Gates Perpetual Trophy. Winner — Los Angeles Club team of George Irvin and Scooter Blain.

April 9, 10 & 11 — Thirteenth Annual Honeymoon Party at Del Coronado Hotel, Coronado. Over 200 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and guests attended. Herb Huebner was Chairman. Highlights were Golf, Bridge, Bowling, Swimming and "SMOKED TURKEY" furnished by Rich and Gladys Budelier.

May 18 at Montebello Country Club.

June 19 at Inglewood Country Club. 65 for golf and 70 for dinner. Final for Officers Trophies.

President's Trophy won by Frank Shelden

Vice-President's Trophy won by Ralph Carver

Secretary's Trophy won by George Salm

Treasurer's Trophy won by Durward Howes

Ken Kirk Trophy won by Forest Shannon

Jim Pierce Trophy won by Dick Wilcox

Final party for Golf Chairman Jim Pierce.

1948 - 1949

Golf Chairman — Herman Miller

Prize Chairman — Rich Budelier

July 20—Inglewood Country Club and the start of a new Rotary Year.

August 17 at Inglewood Country Club. Herman Miller, Golf Chairman, just returned from Spain.

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September 21, our 320th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. Special golf match between "Featherweights" Scooter Blain and John Harris (total weight 269 pounds) against "Heavyweights" Rolly Rucker and Bill Carnall (total weight 460 pounds). Lightweights won (going away).

October 19 — New Members Day at Inglewood. Eleven First Timers attended.

November 16 — Father and Son Day at Inglewood. 17 Rotarians brought their sons for Golf and Dinner.

December 14 — Christmas Party at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. Six Past District Governors attended. 76 for golf and 120 for dinner.

January 18, our 324th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood. Start of Officers Trophy Tournament to be presented at June Tournament, also Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy.

February 15 at Inglewood Country Club with Joint District Golf Tournament. Winner — Hollywood Club. Three Past District Governors attended. Honored Junior 50 Club Members, Cone Bass, Chairman.

March 17 — Inglewood Country Club.

April 22, 23 & 24 — Fourteenth Annual Honeymoon Party at Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado. 173 Rotarians, Rotaryans and Guests attended. Golf at San Diego Country Club. Herman Miller, Chairman.

May 17 at Inglewood Country Club.

June 21 — Final Monthly Tournament of fiscal year at Inglewood Country Club. Winners of Capital Prizes:

President's Trophy won by Jim Pierce

Vice-President's Trophy won by Roy Carrington

Secretary's Trophy won by Ted Pierce

Treasurer's Trophy won by Durward Howes

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Jim Pierce.

1949 - 1950

Ralph Cardozo, Golf Chairman

Pat Brady, Prize Chairman

Win Miller, Entertainment Chairman

July 18 — Inglewood Country Club.

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July Outing dedicated to Robbie Robinson. "C. P. MacGregor donating Television Set as Capital Prize for Rotary Year based on low-net and attendance."

August 16, our 331st Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club. This month is honoring Carl Miller.

September 20 at Inglewood Country Club honoring District Governor, Eck Heistand.

October 18 at Inglewood honoring Lou Guernsey.

November 15 at Inglewood. 48 golfers and 64 for dinner. Two Ken Kirk watches won by Ned Colburn and Val Montgomery based on attendance and low-net for first five months.

December 20 — Christmas Party at Inglewood Country Club. Capital prizes for low-net:

1st Prize — Set of 4 Woods won by George Salm, donated by George Worster

2nd Prize — Set of 4 Woods won by Dave Marcus, donated by Jim & Mark Pierce

3rd Prize — Gold wrist watch won by Bert Ingli, donated by Jerry Stone

4th Prize — Philco Radio won by Guy Morrill, donated by Norm Pithey

January 17, our 336th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club.

February 21 at Inglewood. 46 for golf and 56 for dinner.

March 21 at Inglewood. Pat Brady, Chairman

April 21, 22 & 23, our 15th Annual Honeymoon Party at Arrowhead Springs Hotel, San Bernardino. Golf at Arrowhead Country Club. Ralph Cardozo, Chairman. 238 Rotarians, Rotaryans and Guests attended. George Worster, Co-Chairman.

May 16 at Inglewood. Semi-finals of Officers Trophies prizes.

June 20, our 341st Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Wilshire Country Club. Winner of Officers Trophies:

President's Trophy won by Forest Shannon

Vice-President's Trophy won by Jack Quenell

Secretary's Trophy won by Squire Johnson

Treasurer's Trophy won by Win Miller

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Forest Shannon. Final Tournament under Golf Chairman, Ken Kirk.

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LOS ANGELES

1950 - 1951

Golf Chairman, Ted Ralph

Prize Chairman, Ernie Hillman

Entertainment Chairman, Cliff Revell

July 18—Inglewood Country Club.

August 15 — Riviera Country Club. 74 for golf and 89 for dinner.

September 19, our 344th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood.

October 17 — San Gabriel Country Club. 71 golfers and 86 for dinner.

November 21 — Riviera Country Club.

December 19 — Christmas Party at Bel-Air Country Club. Golf Chairman, Ted Ralph transferred to Dallas, Texas. This is his last Rotary Golf Party as Chairman. Replaced by Cliff Revell as new Golf Chairman for balance of year. Tom Greiner succeeds Cliff Revell as Entertainment Chairman. 96 for golf and 150 for dinner. Handsome leather travelling bag presented to Ted Ralph for his fine job.

January 16 at Inglewood Country Club. 33 for golf and 49 for dinner. Cliff Revell, Chairman.

February 20 at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. First Round Play-Off for Officers Trophies.

March 20, our 350th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club. 42 for golf and 56 for dinner.

April 13, 14 & 15, our Sixteenth Annual Honeymoon Party at Arrowhead Springs Hotel. 244 Rotarians, Rotaryans, and Guests registered. Cliff Revell, Chairman. George Worster, Vice-Chairman.

May 15 — Inglewood Country Club.

June 19 — Wilshire Country Club. Winner of Officers Trophies:

President's Trophy won by Jerry Stone

Vice-President's Trophy won by Steven Faatz

Secretary's Trophy won by Ned Colburn

Treasurer's Trophy won by Wally Jones, Sr.

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Bob Cannon (based on low-net and attendance for past year).

1951 - 1952

Pat Brady, Golf Chairman

Tom Greiner, Prize Chairman

July 18 at Inglewood Country Club.

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August 17, our 355th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood. 42 for golf and 51 for dinner.

September 18 at Riviera Country Club.

October 14 at San Gabriel Country Club. 45 for golf and 65 for dinner.

November 20 at Inglewood

December 18 — Christmas Party at Inglewood Country Club. 46 for golf and 104 for dinner. Pat Brady, Chairman.

January 15 at Inglewood. Due to "RAIN" this date was set ahead to January 29th, keeping our 360th Consecutive Monthly Golf Parties intact. 52 golfers and 68 for dinner. Start of Officers Trophies Tournament. This was 30th Anniversary of our Golf Parties started by "Pappy Burgwald" in January, 1920. "Wally Jones, Sr., was only Charter Member to play at this Anniversary Party."

February 19 at Inglewood. 62 golfers and 64 for dinner.

March 18 at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale.

April 18, 19 and 20 — Annal Honeymoon Party at Arrowhead Springs Hotel, San Bernardino. 250 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and Guests registered. Pat Brady, Chairman.

May 20 at Inglewood Country Club.

June 17 at Wilshire Country Club. Winner of Officers Trophies:

President's Trophy won by Jerry Stone

Vice-President's Trophy won by Ned Colburn

Secretary's Trophy won by Al Bone

Treasurer's Trophy won by John Padden

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Jim Morgan. Final Party for Golf Chairman, Pat Brady.

1952 - 1953

Golf Chairman, Tom Greiner

Prize Chairman, Jack Long

July 15 — Inglewood Country Club.

August 19, our 367th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood.

September 16 — Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. 45 for golf and 57 for dinner.

October 21 — Inglewood Country Club. 45 for golf and 60 for dinner.

November 18, our 370th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at San Gabriel Country Club. 58 for golf and 83 for dinner.

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December 16 — Christmas Party at Inglewood Country Club. Honored Ken Kirk as President. 68 for golf and 122 for dinner.

January 20 at Inglewood. Start of Officers Trophy Tournament, also Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy for six months period.

February 17 — Virginia Country Club, Long Beach. 84 golfers and 105 for dinner. 23 Long Beach Rotarians attended. Art Lockhart, Co-Chairman for Day. Long Beach winner of Team Play.

March 17 at Oakmont Country Club. 47 for golf and 66 for dinner.

April 24, 25 and 26 — Eighteenth Annual Honeymoon Party at Desert Inn, Palm Springs. 236 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and guests registered. Orchids were furnished all ladies by Graham Dible and flown from Honolulu by United Air Lines, Courtesy of Jack Long. Tom Greiner, Chairman of Honeymoon Party. Ray Hurley gets "Hole-In-One."

May 19 at Inglewood Country Club. 36 for golf and 42 for dinner. Jim Pierce shot lowest gross score ever made in our Rotary Golf Tournaments covering 31 years, with 68.

June 16 — Wilshire Country Club. Winner of Officers Trophies:

President's Trophy won by Jim Pierce

Vice-President's Trophy won by Claude Emmons

Secretary's Trophy won by Jim Morgan

Treasurer's Trophy won by Elmer Jensen

(Sterling Silver Trays were Trophy Prizes) Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Lars Ott. 77 golfers and 125 for dinner. Final party for Tom Greiner, Golf Chairman.

1953 - 1954

Golf Chairman, Jim Morgan

Prize Chairman, Lars Ott

July 21 at Inglewood Country Club.

August 18, our 379th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club. 42 for golf and 61 for dinner.

September 15 at Inglewood Country Club.

October 20 at San Gabriel Country Club. 52 for golf and 60 for dinner.

November 17, Virginia Country Club, Long Beach. 75 golfers (50

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from Los Angeles and 25 from Long Beach Rotary Club) 110 for dinner. Art Lockhart Perpetual Trophy won by Los Angeles on basis of $17\frac{1}{2}$ points against $12\frac{1}{2}$ points for Long Beach. Art Lockhart, Co-Chairman of Day. Jim Morgan, Chairman.

December 15 — Christmas Party at Inglewood Country Club. 64 for golf and 114 for dinner.

January 19 at Oakmont Country Club, Glendale. Start of Officers Trophy Tournament and Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy to be awarded at June Party.

February 16 at Inglewood Country Club. 42 for golf and 57 for dinner.

March 19 — Wilshire Country Club. Our 385th Consecutive Monthly Golf Party.

April 23, 24 and 25—Our 19th Annual Honeymoon Party at Desert Inn, Palm Springs. Golf at Tamarisk Country Club. "Hole-in-One made by Al Bone on the 3rd, 155 yard par 3." Jim Morgan, Chairman. 244 Rotarians, Rotaryans and guests registered. Long Range Golf Tournament arranged by Ray Dress with Crewe, England, was played at Honeymoon Party. Six men won from Los Angeles and three men won from Crewe, England.

May 18 at Inglewood Country Club. 36 for golf and 48 for dinner.

June 15 at Wilshire Country Club. Winner of Officers Trophies:

President's Trophy won by Jerry Stone

Vice-President's Trophy won by Bob Adams

Secretary's Trophy won by Lars Ott

Treasurer's Trophy won by Ernie Hillman

"All prizes were Sterling Silver Trays"

Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy won by Ernie Hillman. Final party for Golf Chairman, Jim Morgan.

1954 - 1955

Golf Chairman, John Bennett

Prize Chairman, Sid Collins

July 20 — Wilshire Country Club with 40 golfers and 66 for dinner.

August 17, our 391st Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club. 37 for golf and 48 for dinner.

September 21 at Wilshire Country Club. 46 for golf and 62 for dinner.

October 19 at Inglewood Country Club.

October 29, 30 and 31. Special Golfers week-end at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, La Jolla. Two days of golf at La Jolla Golf Club. 20 Rotarians and wives attended for wonderful week-end.

November 16 — Virginia Country Club, Long Beach. 40 Golfers from Los Angeles and 16 from Long Beach Rotary Club attended. Art Lockhart Perpetual Trophy won by Long Beach. Chairman, Johnny Bennett. Co-Chairman, Art Lockhart.

December 21 — Christmas Party. 62 for golf and 103 for dinner. Entertainment sponsored by George Worster. Select group of prizes furnished by Sid Collins and his Prize Committee.

January 18, our 396th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Annandale Country Club, Pasadena. Joint tournament with Pasadena Rotary Club postponed until February. 62 for dinner. D. Howes Perpetual Trophy: Pasadena versus Los Angeles to be played in February at Inglewood.

February 15 at Inglewood Country Club. D. B. Howes Perpetual Trophy won by Pasadena Club by 27 points. Name engraved and held until next year's tournament. Ray Hurley and Al Bone presented "Hole-in-One" awards for previous performances. This award to be continuous for all who qualify in all future tournaments.

March 15 at Annandale Country Club, Pasadena. 60 for golf and 80 for dinner. Group from Pasadena Rotary Club attended. Al Bone furnished "Home Talent Show" for entertainment.

April 22, 23 and 24 — Our 20th Annual Honeymoon Party at Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara. 186 Rotarians, Rotaryanns and Guests attended. "Grand Special Prize" for the ladies was two Round Trip Tickets to Honolulu won by Carolyn Galloway and donated by Jack (United Air Lines) Long. "Clark and Carolyn" Bon Voyage. George Worster Trophy (complete set of matched irons and woods and fine leather bag) won by Scooter Blaine. Golf at Montecito Country Club and Valley Country Club.

May 17, our 400th Consecutive Monthly Golf Tournament at Inglewood Country Club.

June 21 at Wilshire Country Club. Finals for Officers Trophies and Ken Kirk Perpetual Trophy awards. Final party for Golf Chairman, Johnny Bennett.

BOWLING

One day late in 1925 at a Rotary luncheon, Jim Warrick told of the availability of a lease of the bowling alleys at Bimini Hot Springs. Dick Just, who was seated at the same table and an interested listener, decided to investigate the matter and as a result, leased the alleys himself as a side line to his tire business. So profitable did it become that three years later he gave up his tire business and devoted his entire time to the bowling alleys.

A few months after his opening, in April, 1926, it was announced in The Rodeo that three alleys were to be reserved for Rotarians one evening each week. Attendance of Rotarians grew from the start and in time, three teams were formed and entered in the Service Club League which was organized in 1929.

Throug the publicity given to Bowling in the columns of The Rodeo, and through hearing more about it while visiting the Friday luncheon meetings of the Los Angeles Club, Rotarian bowlers of Riverside and San Bernardino interested the Los Angeles group in the holding of Inter-city contests. The Los Angeles teams participating in these competitive matches were usually made up of five top players in any of the Los Angeles club teams. How long these meetings continued is not a matter of record.

Some time prior to 1937 an All-Rotary League was initiated at the Beverly Hills Bowling Alleys under the management of Marvin Park. It was composed of teams from the Rotary Clubs of West Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Wilshire and some others. This league was an excellent medium for inter-club acquaintances and in 1937 the committee of the Los Angeles club decided to enter a team from its group. However, bowling at that time seemed to be going through a period of recession, and it was difficult to obtain bowlers who could attend regularly. During the second year of the Los Angeles clubs' membership in the All-Rotary League, K. P. Lowell, one of the enthusiastic members of the Los Angeles team moved out of the district, and Charles Benson, a leading bowler for years, passed away. Also a number of other regulars were unable to promise regular attendance, so that the team in the All-Rotary League and the one in the Service Club League, sometimes bowled with less than the regulation five men.

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During the year of 1938-39 the committee felt that the program should be changed in order to eliminate the feeling that if a man were a member of a team, he was obligated to attend. A new system of open bowling was initiated, and arrangements made to reserve a number of alleys so that anyone wishing to bowl could play for as long or as short a time as he desired. Also the starting time was set early so that all could get home at a reasonable hour. This system revived the interest of the members and after the first few weeks the players began setting up teams for the evening only, with small prizes for the winners. This system provided the desired results and although team bowling has again been organized, the open system still continues.

In 1939 four teams were organized and this was what might be termed the start of the league composed of teams of the Los Angeles Club only and sponsored by some of the members. They were Van de Kamps Bakeries, Hoffman Hardware Co., International Truck Company, and Columbia Varnish Company.

During the year of 1940-1941 there were four teams in the Los Angeles Rotary Club League, and were sponsored by Van de Kamp Bakeries, The Yellow Cab Company, Columbia Varnish Company and the Peerless Laundry. There was also one team each entered in the All-Rotary League, and in the Service Club League. Although the teams were composed of only four men, interest in the game continued to grow and attendance steadily improved. Wives and daughters began attending during this year, sometimes filling in for absentees and sometimes forming rooting sections for their particular teams.

In 1941 and 1942 the committee decided on six teams for the Los Angeles Rotary League, one for the All-Rotary League and one for the Service Club League. This year the team membership was raised to five men and the average attendance climbed to fifty. The sponsors for this year were Van de Kamp Bakeries, International Truck Company, Hoffman Hardware Company, Columbia Varnish Company, Lyon Van & Storage Company, and Yellow Cab Company.

Interest in bowling had increased to such an extent that at the start of the 1942-43 season, the committee of which Reid Whitaker was chairman, decided to reserve twelve alleys, eight for men and four for women. With the eight men's teams all playing in our own club league, one in the All-Rotary league in Beverly Hills and the one in the Serv-

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ice Club League, making a total of ten teams, it provided by far the best attendance in the history of bowling in the Los Angeles Club. This year was the first in which the women's teams were entered, and they assisted in the good attendance and increasing interest. This same year, under the able captaincy of Alex Simms, the Los Angeles team in the All-Rotary League won for the first time the championship of the League.

The men's teams in the Los Angeles Club League were sponsored by the same firms who sponsored the teams in the previous year, with the addition of the Peerless Laundry and Tanner's Motor Tours. The ladies' teams were sponsored by the Cannon Electric Development Company, the Stenotype Company, Silverwoods, and McKesson & Robbins. The end of the season was marked by a delightful dinner dance at the Mayfair Hotel which was attended by practically all of the bowling enthusiasts.

The year of 1943-44 was marked by a continuation of the enthusiasm of the previous year. Eight men's teams of five men each sponsored by the same firms as in the previous year were provided for in the Club League, and one team was continued in the Service Club League. The team in the All-Rotary League at Beverly Hills was dropped on account of the transportation problem. The four ladies' teams were also under the same sponsors as during the previous year, with continued excellent attendance. The estimated average weekly attendance during this years was fifty-two. The season's end was climaxed by an evening party at the Elks Club house near Westlake Park.

The past ten years have seen "Bowling" develop into major "Club Service" activity. Originally limited to a Club No. 5 team in the Service Club League, it is now entirely an intra-club program, except for the annual District Tournament.

No other activity affords as intimate fellowship. Ten men's and six women's teams take over the sixteen Bimini Bowl alleys (operated by Dick Just until three years ago), every Monday night for 34 weeks. The sessions have become "family" gatherings, with many "rooters" regularly accompanying the team members.

Participation for 150 is provided by the sixteen five-member teams, and those who prefer to bowl as substitutes, not counting the "rooters", who enjoy the match and the friendships cultivated.

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Records reveal that many on the team roster ten years ago, are still the stalwarts of today. Jeff Ruddy, Carl Strom, Fred Schneider, George Bailey, Earle Jacobs, Rich Budelier, John Inwood, George Irvin, Bill Massie, Charley Tobey have toppled many a pin and are still "in there pitching".

A "shot-in the arm" was provided in 1947, by George Worster's donation of a permanent trophy for the men's league. This beautiful, ornate "Worster Trophy" stands 54" high, 18" square at the base, with pedestaled figures on two tiers, and a 30" high cup in the center crowned with the Rotary Wheel. Engraved plates around the base will accommodate names of winning team members for years to come. The trophy occupies a prominent display place in the Club No. 5 "Round Table Room" in the Statler.

Highlights of the last ten seasons will bring back many a pleasant memory.

1944-45 — Chairman Jeff Ruddy — eight men's, four women's teams (four members) — Men's winners, "Van de Kamps" (El Thrapp; George Irvin; Marty Houseman; Bob Cannon), sponsor Larry Frank — Women's winner, "Bockman's Best" (team member names not available) sponsor Jim Bockman — First year for the Rotary Ann League — Dinner-Dance sponsored by Bowling Committee at Oakmont C.C. April 27th, with 270 attending.

1945-46 — Chairman Al Warr — eight men's, four women's teams (five members) — Men's winner, "Lyon Van & Storage" (Jim Bockman; Charlie Tobey; Roy Carrington; Pat Brady; and sponsor Chet Nelson) — Women's winner, "Stenotype Schools" (Agatha Schneider; Mildred Irvin; Anna Carrington; Mickey Cannon; Janet Knox), sponsor Herman Miller — Bob Duntley won District Tournament individual trophy — Dinner-Dance, May 18th, Mayfair Hotel — Ole Olsen awarded trophy to men's team holding first place most weeks during season.

1946-47 — Chairman Hal Merryman — ten men's teams, six women's — Men's winner, "International Truck", sponsor Larry Koenig — Women's winner, Herman Miller's "Stenotype Schools" — Records do not disclose team members' names — First year, sons and daughters of Rotarians eligible for team membership — Costume Party at Mayfair Hotel, May 9th, with 175 present — Prizes won by Jim Cannon (Pirate); Jessie Shoemaker (Farmerette); Frank Bise (Mortimer Snerd); Frances

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McCloy (Hula Dancer); Jane and Rudie Seiler (Mae West — Top Hat & Tails); Carolyn and Bob Merryman (Gay 90's Bride & Groom).

1947-48 — Chairman Pat Brady — twelve men's teams, four women's — First winner Worster Trophy, "Service Steel" (Bud Landers; Jim Bockman; Al Warr; Bob Irvin; Alex Callow) sponsored by Jeff Holly — Women's winner, "Bockman's Best" (Team members names not available) sponsor Jim Bockman — Bob Cannon won District Tournament "High Individual Series" with 741 including handicap — "Spring Formal" at Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, May 29th.

1948-49 — Chairman Cliff Revell — twelve men's teams, four women's — Men's winner, "Western Exterminator" (Ray Hurley; Jim Pierce; Don Burgeson; Charlie Medler; and sponsor Carl Strom) — Information on women's team not available — Club No. 5 team won "District" title for first time in ten years of tournament's existence — Also a team won "Service Club League" for first time in seventeen years of competition — "Spring Formal", May 13th, Oakmont C.C. — Eighty trophies awarded to eighty members of the sixteen teams according to position in final standing.

1949-50 — Chairman Ray Hurley — Leagues "permanently" set up with ten men's and six women's teams — Split season established, with "roll-off" between winners each half — Men's winner "Armoured Transport" (Harry Keeler; Dick Stephenson; Kenny Irvin; Bob Grutzmacher; and sponsor George Irvin), Women's winner, "Tannerettes" (Marie Ingli; Arzelle Burlie; Mary Lou Shelden; Elizabeth Callow; Helen Bayler) sponsor Charlie Tanner — "Spring Formal", May 13th, Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel.

1950-51 — Chairman Rolly Rucker — Men's winner, "Stenotype Schools" (Dick Stephenson; Ray Hurley; Dick Wilcox; Bob Grutzmacher; Dick Just) sponsor Herman Miller — Women's title to "Brady's Shamrocks" (Frances McCloy; Mary Lou Shelden; Alida Hogan; Helen Grutzmacher; Virginia Brady) sponsor Pat Brady — Grandmother Agatha Schneider rolled scratch 222 game during season — George Bailey donated appropriate caps to each Rotary Ann team member — Ray Hanley arranged exhibition by two nationally known bowlers on "Warm-Up" night at start of season — Special mid-year match between five highest average men and women, fortunately ended in a tie — "Spring Formal", May 4th, Beverly Hills Hotel.

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1951-52 — Chairman Lars Ott — Winner Worster Trophy, "Lingle Bros. Coffee" (Buck Burgwald; Jeff Ruddy; Russ Burkett, Jr.; Earl Lingle; and sponsor Ted Lingle) — Women's winner, "Seiler's Sirens" (Marilou Burgwald; Alice Tobey; Marie Ingli; Jane Seiler; Welsie Bockman) sponsor Rudie Seiler — "Prize Fund" distributed on a "position and points (games won)" basis to each regular bowler on the 16 teams, to hold interest of bowlers on "bottom" teams to the season's end — Dinner-Dance (Spring Formal) established as "Bowling Ball" to indicate sponsorship by Bowling Committee Held May 16th at Hollywood-Roosevelt.

1952-53 — Chairman Dick Wilcox (Richard K.) — Worster Trophy winner "Columbia Paint Makers" (Karl Burlie; Buck Burgwald; Wayne Ferrell; Dick Just; Tom Wagenbach) sponsor Ole Olsen — Women's winner, "Davidson's Diamondettes" (Carrie Jacobs; Dorothy Alexander; Ella Bloeser; Ruby Wagenbach; Arzelle Burlie) sponsor Frank Davidson — A costume party "The Midway" held January 24th, with "Circus" theme at Hotel Huntington under auspices Bowling Committee, was huge success — "Bowling Ball", May 22nd, Beverly Hills Hotel.

1953-54 — Chairman Bob Alexander — Winner Worster Trophy, "Lyon Van & Storage" (Al Nelson; Ken Wadsworth; Jack Meacham; Ralph Herrcke; Scooter Blaine, sponsor) — Women's winner, "Alemiters" (Violet Herrcke; Ruby Wagenbach; Ann Ott; Marilou Burgwald; Alida Hogan) sponsor Fred Hogan — "Bowling Ball", May 21st, Hotel Huntington, featured display and distribution 80 pieces of silverware, presented in lieu of cash, to each regular bowler according to final team position.

1954-55 — Chairman Bogie Bogardus, Jr. — At press time season has two "regular" nights and "Roll-Off" to go. Jack Meacham's "Statler Sleepers" won the men's first half and are hanging on to first place in the second half by a very narrow margin, with six other teams "breathing down their necks". — Milton Heller's "Safeway Superettes" won the women's first half, but cannot win the second — Rudie Seiler's "Seiler's Sirens" are leading by one point over "Delkins Damsels" and two points over "Alemiters" — The "Bowling Ball" to be held May 21st at the Sheraton-Huntington Hotel, will end one of the most successful and enjoyable seasons the bowlers have ever experienced.

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Much of the success of "Bowling" can be attributed to the support of the sponsors. Some have never "backed a winner", and the bowlers wish it were possible to give recognition to all these supporters who have not been named.

Here is a "tip" to future Bowling Chairmen. In setting up your expense budget make allowance for contingencies. You might have the misfortune to have a team win the Worster Trophy made up of the following:—Robert Grutzmacher; Thomas Wagenbach; Hilding Anderson; Kenneth Wadsworth; Wilbert Schneider. Paying for the engraving of these names on the "Trophy" would cost a lot of "dough" at 20¢ per letter.

You need not be a bowler to enjoy the activity. Handicaps take care of inequalities, and men's averages this year range from 111 to 175, women's 94 to 140.

If your sacroiliac will not allow it, come out as a "rooter" and get a good laugh. Take in the performances of some of the "characters": —cigar smoking Earle Jacobs; heckler Jack Meacham; the flailing arms and legs of Carl Strom; pin-busting Al Nelson; the body-English of Ken Kirk; ebullient Buzz Crandall; Jeff Ruddy with his sawed-off pipe; the grace of Rich Budelier; the wild antics of C. S. Anderson; Karl Burlie's dervish spin. See Scooter Blaine keep from being dragged down the alley by the ball. Hear the epithets of Bob Hatfield, Ray Hurley and Cal Gahagen.

These are not all. Its a good thing we can't see ourselves as others see us. Set 'em up in the other alley.

JUNIOR 50

Junior 50, as the name implies, consists of the newest 50 members of Club No. 5 with over 500 regulars. The number 500 immediately indicates the need of this club within a club as a means of introducing and integrating new Rotarians to Rotary. As the old saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink," and likewise, you can get a man into Rotary but can you get Rotary into a man? The larger the membership, the tougher the problem of assimilating our new members and the harder the job of introducing them quickly into the complex life and program of the club. Certainly, we had regular information meetings for the new members but it was becoming increasingly obvious that all the fellows were not getting the broad picture.

In 1948, when Bob Cannon took the office of President, his immediate and principal concern was for some program to insure a quick and thorough acquaintanceship for new members. Bob recognized that in a club of over 500 members this was a serious problem and he was determined to whip it — and he did. Bob called into action a small group of our club thinkers, headed by Herman Miller, and they came up with the basic idea of a "Junior 50" group. Simply this is the plan:

The 50 members who are newest in our club come into Junior 50. They meet monthly at lunch under their own General Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Program Chairman. They give talks on their vocations, get acquainted and invite in veteran Rotarians to tell them about all the various facets of Rotary living. Incidentally, they rotate their meeting places, which are usually their places of business, thus getting back again to the plan that gave Rotary its name. During the Rotary year each new member brought into the club is also automatically a member of Junior 50 and, thus, can start his integration immediately. A man may remain in Junior 50 for two years if he wishes and it is very interesting to note that all complain loud and long when they are finally "graduated". All want to stay in.

Junior 50 was slow to start in 1948. During that year, under the able leadership of its first Chairman, Cone T. Bass, the members assisted at golf tournaments and club social functions and began developing the idea of craft and officer-talks at their monthly luncheon. 1949 was really the shakedown period for Junior 50 as it felt its way into existence as

a real club service. Herman Miller, the real Daddy of the idea, and Cone Bass were both pressed into service again this year to put the program back onto the track. And now we find the idea really beginning to click. Art Johnson took over leadership in 1950-51 and, under his able guidance, a regularly established meeting date, the second Tuesday of each month, was set. Also published, was the "Junior 50 Reflections" to highlight the talk given each month at the meeting. It is interesting to note that during this period, average attendance was about 22 members. During this year, a Basket Social and dance was held to provide an opportunity to introduce the new Rotary-Anns to the group. Walter R. Hoeflin, Jr. took the helm in 1951-52 and by now Junior 50 had become an institution within Club No. 5 and its value was recognized by all members. Eleven different craft talks were presented during this year and the real highlight was in November when the Junior 50 group took complete charge of a Friday meeting in honor of USC and UCLA who were to meet on the gridiron the following day.

Clark Galloway took the reins in 1952-53 and continued to develop the idea of acquaintance and assimilation. Again this year the group sponsored and presented the November Football Luncheon at the regular Friday meeting. The idea of Vice-Chairman and Program Chairman persisted and is responsible in a large measure for the success of this group.

Ed Strandine, assisted by Sid Collins, as Program Chairman, did a swell job in 1953-54 and again a Friday luncheon was sponsored by Junior 50, this time in February. At all monthly meetings each member introduces himself and gives his classification and particular effort is made to see that the most recent new members join the group and are widely introduced. Average attendance is riding steadily and now is up to 30.

Thomas W. Fenske has the honor of leading the Junior 50 group for 1954-55 as again the emphasis is strictly on fellowship with a large number of the monthly meeting being conducted in the members places of business to provide an even better means of getting to know each other.

What is the first of the four goals under Rotary's object? The development of acquaintance. This is where Junior 50 starts—getting new men into the wonderful warm acquaintance of Rotary. Has it been successful? Our club attendance, which has been climbing steadily the past seven years to a new record of 95%, is a striking testimonial.

CAMERA CLUB

Almost obscured by the clouds of opium smoke curling from their pipes, Bob Cannon, President, turned to his chief jester, Herman Miller, and said: "Herman, let's you start a Rotary Camera Club." Celebrating this momentous decision, they stepped into the Jonathan Club steam room to cleanse their souls. The year was 1948.

Herman, with his typical friendly enthusiasm, rounded up a few, such as Frank Graham, By Dawson, Roy Stone, Dick Whittington, and Jim McDonald, to whom picture taking was fun, a livelihood, or a hobby. Then the fun began. Roy Stone was the first Chairman and a good choice. Having more cameras than "Carter has pills" and enjoying his hobby, he was tireless in his efforts. Under his able guidance the committee took form and established course. Professional, Dick Whittington, gave good counsel in the technical approach, and real progress was made.

The Camera Club was but one part of Bob Cannon's main objective which was creating ways and means for better acquaintance within Rotary Club No. 5. Other committees such as Junior 50 were a product of this objective. Bob's attempt to bring the members of such a big club closer together was most successful; one reason being, his executive ability in delegating responsibility to capable individuals and backing them up 100%. All organizations are resistant to change, and Rotary is not unusual in this respect. To push these projects through to completion took organization, cooperation, and executive support of men like Herman Miller.

Friendliness and fun, and improvement of the photographic skill of the members came as a by-product of the Camera Club after accomplishing the objective of acquaintance between members. In the old Rotary way, many members volunteered their homes and places of business as meeting places. This intensified the interest, for with these visits came the appreciation of how the other person makes a living and a knowledge of his problems and successes.

Compared to other Rotary committees, the group remained small, though the 1954-1955 roster lists 32 members of the committee. Through

six administrations the scope broadened under various chairmen, (see list at end) with outings and places of meetings becoming more interesting and diversified.

During the 1951-1952 Chairmanship of James D. McDonald, the annual Jim McDonald Trophy was donated by Jim and became the prize which all the committee sought as a competitive reward for fine pictures taken by them during the year.

An annual Valentine party became a regular occurrence. This function included the Rotary Anns and resulted in fine attendance. The regular monthly meeting of the committee is scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, and in addition, there have been many "outings," and the territory covered by these probably exceeds that of any other Rotary committee. As examples: trip to Yosemite Park; Rich Budelier's Ranch in Piru, California; several trips to Catalina Island on yachts provided by various members of the Los Angeles Club; Death Valley; and Red Rock Canyon, are places that come to mind. Many meetings have been held at member's places of business where often we were given a tour of the premises. Between these outings there were technical sessions, contests, and other activities that maintained the attendance and interest. A small added attraction, but important to those of us with appetites, is that at most of these meetings refreshments of some sort, though non-alcoholic, tantalized the taste buds.

Dick Whittington, the current Chairman, without a dissenting vote, is outstanding in his effort and planning. This is in addition to his qualities of imagination and humor which result in a most successful activity. It seems none can withstand Dick's requests for help in putting on meetings. There have been many where the average camera club or individual could not gain entrance, but after Dick's "open sesame," they have bowed and scraped in their pleasure to have us. Anti-aircraft installations, Navy cruisers—nothing is too big for him to tackle. His enthusiasm is catching, and with all the publicity attendant with the meetings, everyone is anxious to take part. He has more offers and suggestions for programs than can be handled in the next two administrations. "Nothing succeeds like success." This is an outstanding example of what can be done by a hard-working chairman who organizes, keeps asking until he hears "yes," and devotes part of himself to his activity.

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The Camera Club has accomplished what Bob Cannon wanted. It creates one more opportunity for friendliness and companionship. This is the important part of Rotary, but a part that is one of the hardest to achieve in a club as large as ours.

CAMERA CLUB CHAIRMEN

ALBERT L. STONE.....	1948-1949
RICHARD G. WILCOX.....	1949-1950
WILLIAM LYAL ADAMS.....	1950-1951
BYRON H. DAWSON, VICE-CHAIRMAN	
JAMES D. McDONALD.....	1951-1952
M. T. BRAMMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN	
LOREN A. LUMBARD.....	1952-1953
JOHN B. CLUBB, VICE-CHAIRMAN	
ROBERT E. WATKINS, VICE-CHAIRMAN	
JAMES D. McDONALD, ADVISORY CHAIRMAN	
JOHN B. CLUBB.....	1953-1954
ROBERT E. WATKINS, VICE-CHAIRMAN	
DICK WHITTINGTON.....	1954-1955
CHALLEN F. LANDERS, VICE-CHAIRMAN	

